



**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION NATIONAL WORKSHOP: AGREEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (SPS AGREEMENT)**

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The Department of Agriculture Policy Research Service is hereby authorized to conduct *World Trade Organization National Workshop: Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)* scheduled on **15-17 August 2023** at the Agricultural Training Institute, Diliman, Quezon City.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) National SPS Workshop is designed to help member countries understand and comply with the WTO's Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement). The SPS Agreement sets out rules and guidelines for countries to follow when implementing measures to protect human, animal, or plant health from risks associated with the international trade of goods.

The workshop's rationale is to provide the Philippines with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively apply the SPS Agreement and ensure that the country's SPS measures are science-based, transparent, and not more trade-restrictive than necessary. By doing so, the Philippines can facilitate the flow of safe and healthy goods across borders while protecting their citizens from potential health risks.

The workshop shall provide a platform for WTO resource persons, and Department of Agriculture's (DA) Competent Authorities to exchange information and share best practices on the implementation of the SPS Agreement. It also serves as an opportunity for DA-Competent Authorities to raise and discuss any issues or concerns they may have with regards to the implementation of the agreement.

This activity will be participated by representatives from the following offices of the DA:

Participants	No. of Participants
Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards	2
Bureau of Animal Industry	5
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	5
Bureau of Plant Industry	5
National Meat Inspection Service	5
DA Inspectorate and Enforcement	2
DA Regulations	2



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DA-Policy Research Service	7
Speakers from WTO	2
Total	35

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of this activity shall be charged against the funds of the Policy Research Service while travel costs to and from the participants' place of origin and per diem shall be charged against their respective offices, subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon the completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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