



EAC SPS INITIATIVE AND LIVESTOCK INITIATIVES

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Introduction



- Trade is one of the key areas of cooperation in the Treaty establishing the EAC
- The EAC Development Strategy 2006-2010 under the agriculture and food security section calls for harmonization of regional policies, standards, SPS procedures
- For trade to be undertaken smoothly there is need to access markets
- To access the markets one of the key things is to protect Human, animal and plant life or health

EAC SPS initiatives



The EAC has got the following SPS Measures and procedures in place;

1. Harmonised Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards , Measures and procedures for plants Vol. 1 (Phytosanitary)
2. Harmonised Sanitary and phytosanitary , Standards, Measures and procedures for Mammals, Birds and Bees. Vol II(sanitary)
3. Harmonised Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards, Measures and procedures Vol. III (Fish and Fishery Products)

SPS instruments Cont.



In addition;

- i. Standard procedures for evaluation of Pesticides
 - ii. Standards in labelling of Pesticides
- This instruments have been approved by the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers
 - The EAC instruments are at the printing stage.
 - The EAC however is looking funds to print the instruments

Pending work



- The MRLS
- Animal Feeds
- Veterinary drugs
- Seeds

The EAC SPS Protocol



- Its at the 1st Draft
- RISP (EU)Sponsored the meeting on the development of the development of the 1st draft. The meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The Legal department has made its inputs in the 1st Draft protocol

The EAC SPS Protocol



- The principal objective of the SPS protocol is to adopt and enforce sanitary and Phyto sanitary standards, measures and procedures in order to minimize negative effects on trade
- The protocol elaborates rules for application ,which relate to the use of the sanitary and measures and procedures and recognizes the rights the rights of the importing countries to implement these measures

Draft EAC SPS Continued



- The protocol emphasizes that the measures be based on scientific justification or risk assessment but should not be used to protect domestic industries
- The development of the EAC SPS is in line with the Treaty establishing the EAC article 108 and as well as article 38(1) and (2) of the protocol Establishing the EAC Customs Union.

The WTO –SPS Guiding Principles



The EAC SPS Protocol is being developed based the WTO –SPS guiding principles

- Harmonization –encourages the adoption that conform to international standards , guidelines , and/or recommendations of international stands
- Equivalence – mutual recognition of different but equivalent measures to achieve the international standards
- Non-discriminatory treating imports no differently than domestic produce
- Transparency –notifying trading partners of changes in their SPS measures when the measures differ from the international standards
- Regionalisation- allows continued exports from clean (disease-free) areas of affected countries

Work Plan to complete prot



- A work plan to complete the protocol was agreed on in Nairobi and is here below.
- The work plan was developed with Partner States delegates

Next activity on line



- Next meeting on the development of the EAC SPS is scheduled for 6th to 8th August, 2008, Arusha, Tanzania . UNIDO-NORAD accepted to fund this particular meeting.
- The objective of the meeting is make further technical input and also develop a framework for national consultative workshops

Food Standards



- A number of standards have already been developed and approved by the EAC Council of Ministers
- The EAC has a full now got a standards officer

Other EAC Livestock and Fisheries sectors Initiatives



- Harmonization of Regional Livestock sector Policies-General Livestock Development policy and the Animal breeding policy
- Initiatives in livestock trade and marketing
- Initiatives on the Pastoral and drylands development
- Involved in the SPS work Vol. II and Vol. III



EAC initiatives cont.

- Transboundary Animals Diseases – EAC has secured funding from the EU for its Avian Influenza response plan.
- The project has also got a component of Policy and legislation which are to be handled by EAC
- Total €3Million (EAC 1 Million FAO 1.68)

COLLARBOATORS



- RATES
- COMESA
- CROP LIFE
- AU/IBAR
- FAO
- EU –RISP
- EADRAC
- ESADA
- EAFF
- The Private sector
- EAGODEN
- IPPC
- OIE
- CAC

Way forward in EAC SPS w



- WE NEED FUNDS TO FINISH WORK ON SPS
 1. Development of the EAC MRLS –meetings
 2. To complete the protocol-Meetings and
 3. To print the completed EAC SPS Instruments



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