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Improving border agency cooperation to facilitate safe trade

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Why are SPS agencies a key part of the solution?
Performance of trade logistics is improving

Studies highlight gaps in SPS capacity & SPS procedural obstacles

SPS agencies seen as "the weak link in the chain"

Realities on the ground

SPS measures may result in justifiable transaction costs based on the need to protect health

but

Ineffective and inefficient SPS controls sometimes result in poor health protection, and disrupt trade more than necessary
SPS procedural obstacles persist

- Limited information
- Multiple inspections
- Lack of coordination at borders
- Complex and lengthy procedures
- Excessive document requirements
- No complaints / appeal procedures
- Arbitrariness, unpredictability

Win-win opportunities to facilitate safe trade

- Better coordination between SPS authorities and with customs
- Use international standards
- Improve transparency
- Streamline SPS processes
- Use risk-based approaches
- Integrate SPS controls in single windows
Facilitating safe trade through STDF's knowledge platform and projects

Building linkages and trust across SPS and other border agencies

Electronic SPS certification

Good regulatory practice

Public-Private Partnerships

How Chile, Peru and Colombia are improving health protection and cutting trade costs
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