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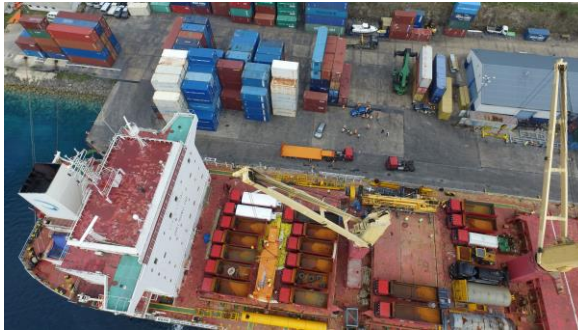
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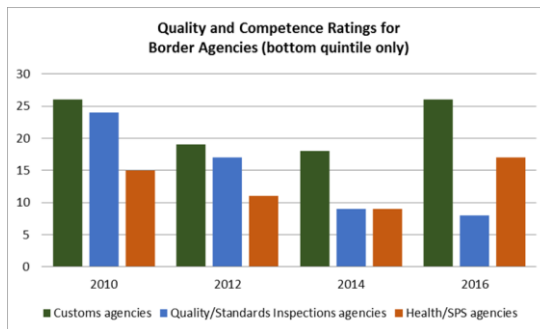
Why are SPS agencies a key part of the solution?



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”



Source: World Bank Logistics Performance Index

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





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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



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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

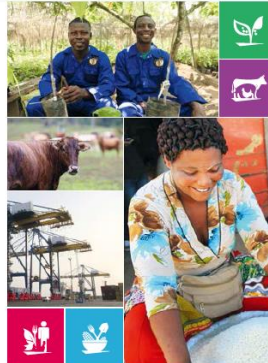


Facilitating safe trade through STDF's knowledge platform and projects

- Building linkages and trust across SPS and other border agencies
- Electronic SPS certification
- Good regulatory practice
- Public-Private Partnerships



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