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To, All the Members of Plexconcil

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject : Regarding members concern with regard to Non-tariff barriers (SPS Measures) while exporting to CIS countries.

We wish to inform you that the upcoming WTO TBT/SPS Committee Meetings are scheduled to be held shortly. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise their concerns with regard to the non-tariff measures relating to SPS/TBT taken by any other member country.

Sanitary & phytosanitary (SPS) measures are quarantine and biosecurity measures which applied to protect human, animal or plant life or health from risks arising from the introduction, establishment and spread of pests and diseases and from risks arising from additives, toxins and contaminants in food and feed. SPS is Non-Tariff barriers, its "technical" measures, includes regulations, standards, testing and certification.

Members are requested to kindly send *Specific Trade Concerns against SPS Measures proposed/adopted by CIS countries for their products*. CIS countries consist Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Belarus

It is also requested that a small background to the issue along with details of its impact on export of your product may please be provided in the format below:

Country	Product	SPS - NTB description

The updated concerns may please be provided by 22nd July, 2021 at <u>bharti@plexconcil.org</u>

Best regards

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