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All countries maintain sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures to ensure that food is safe for consumers and to prevent the spread of pests and diseases among animals and plants. Good regulatory practices (GRPs) help to improve the quality and effectiveness of SPS measures so that they achieve the expected policy outcome(s).

The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), a global partnership to facilitate safe trade⁽¹⁾, is developing practical guidance for SPS regulators in developing countries on how to use GRPs (such as stakeholder consultations, regulatory stock-taking or regulatory impact assessments), even when capacity or resources are limited.

The forthcoming GRP Guide, developed in consultation with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and other STDF partners, will help SPS regulators to use good practices to develop, design and review SPS measures that are fit for purpose. The aim is to improve compliance with the international standards recognised in the World Trade Organization SPS Agreement (and provided by the Codex Alimentarius, the International Plant Protection Convention and the OIE) to ensure health protection while facilitating trade.

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Facilitating safe trade: how to ensure that SPS measures are fit for purpose?

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