



Standards and Trade  
Development Facility

Trade facilitation in an SPS context:  
experiences and lessons



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## **Global Partnership**

**Increased capacity to implement international SPS standards to gain / maintain market access**

**Coordination mechanism and knowledge hub** among providers of SPS technical assistance to identify good practice, strengthen coherence, avoid duplication and enhance results

**Funding for development and implementation** of innovative and collaborative projects that support compliance with international SPS requirements to gain and maintain market access



# WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)

Recognizing  
the right to protect  
human, animal,  
plant life or health



Avoiding  
unnecessary  
barriers to trade



# Development of SPS measures: key principles

- SPS measures should *inter alia* be:
  - non-discriminatory
  - transparent
  - not more trade-restrictive than necessary
  - science-based (risk assessment)
- Members are encouraged to “harmonize” or base national measures on international standards, guidelines and recommendations (Codex, IPPC, OIE) → presumption of compliance



# Enforcement/implementation of SPS measures – Annex C

- Members required to avoid unnecessary trade disruption and transaction costs for traders when performing control, inspection and approval procedures
  - no undue delays;
  - information requirements limited to what is necessary;
  - non-discriminatory fees (not higher than actual cost of service),
  - non-discrimination in siting of facilities and selection of samples;
  - procedure to review complaints, take corrective action, etc.

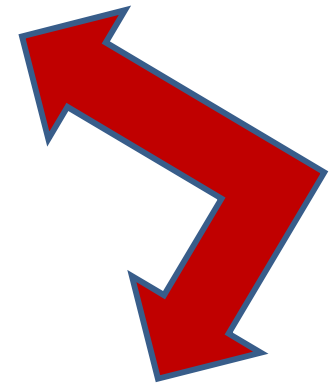
***SPS Annex C closely linked to TFA***



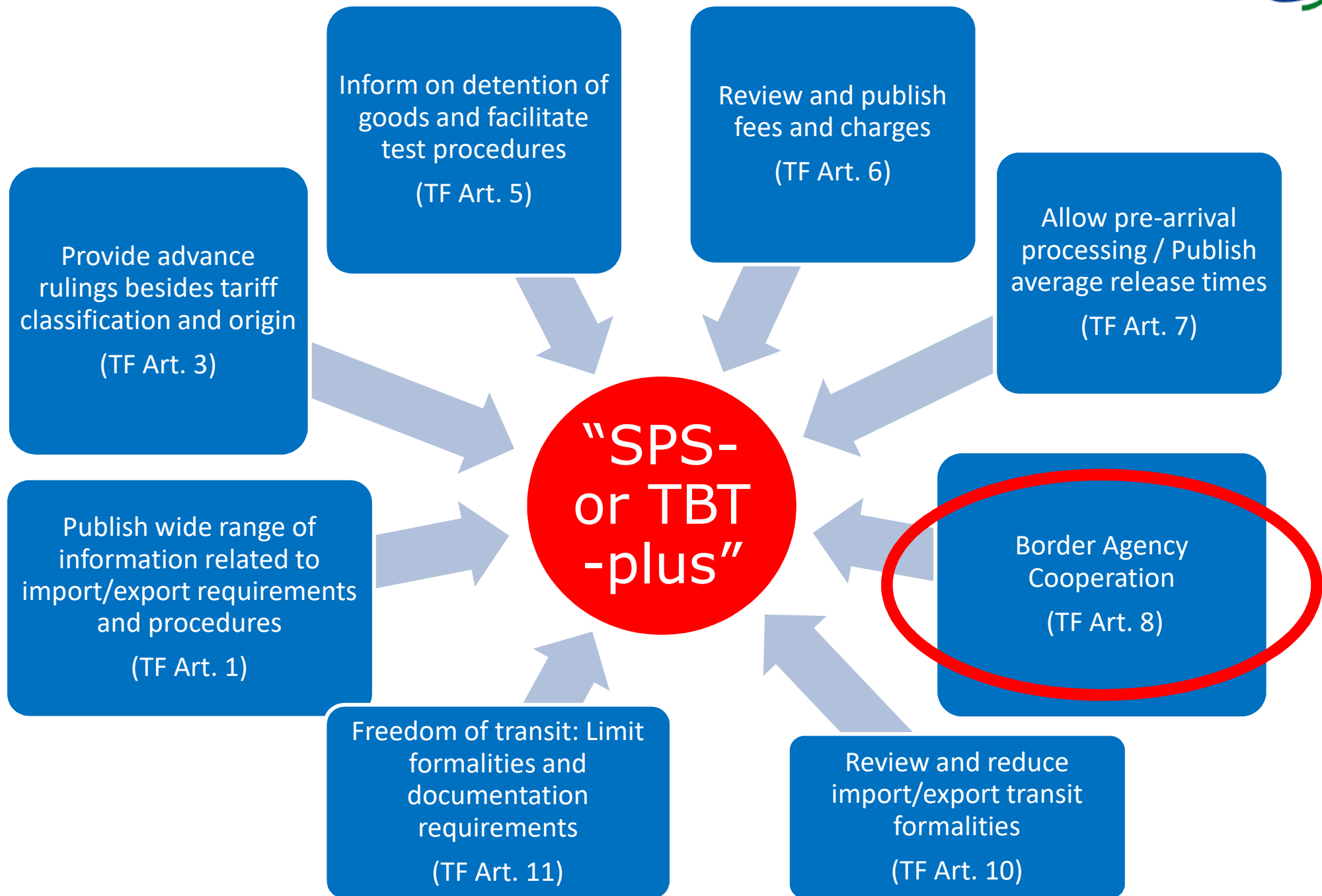
## TFA Final Provisions: paragraph 6

*“nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as diminishing the rights and obligations of Members under the TBT and SPS Agreements.”*

**BUT.....**



some TRA provisions may be "SPS-plus" or "TBT-plus"  
adding obligations going beyond SPS & TBT Agreements





# Considerations for TFA implementation

- awareness of SPS/TBT/customs officials regarding rights/obligations under all relevant WTO Agreements; need for coordinated approaches, systems
- involvement of SPS & TBT officials in TF needs assessments; opportunity for SPS & TBT entities to benefit from increased funding opportunities
- national SPS, TBT and TF committees/bodies, Enquiry Points standard setting bodies need to communicate have

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