

**Mutual Recognition of SPS
Conformity /
Bilateral and Plurilateral
Agreements between CAREC
countries on SPS issues**

**Mutual recognition of SPS
Conformity:**

Food Safety

Basic issues

- There is a Long history of a system of issuing certificates for plant products and life animals, e.g. phytosanitary certificate
- Not the case for food products
- Certificate of Analysis is not sufficient
- Long waiting times at borders because of product testing
- Solution:
 - Issuing **Certificates of HACCP Compliance**

HACCP compliance certificates

- CODEX has already some template of HACCP compliance certificates for fish and milk and milk products respectively;
 - CAC/GL 48-2004 the model certificate for fish and fishery products and
 - CAC/GL 67-2008 for milk and milk products
- An essential chapter of these certificates are the following **attestations**:

Attestation in the Certificate for fish

1) *The products described above originate from (an) approved establishment(s) that has been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority in the exporting country and*

2) *have been handled, prepared or processed, identified, stored and transported **under a competent HACCP and sanitary programme** consistently implemented and in accordance with the requirements laid down in Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52- 2003)*

Attestation in the Certificate for milk and milk products

- 1. The products described above were manufactured at (an) establishment(s) that has/have been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority in the exporting country and that*
- 2. The product(s) (please tick the appropriate box(es). Where this is not possible the non-selected option may be deleted); has/have been prepared, packed, held and transported prior to export under good hygienic practice and **an effective food safety control system, implemented within the context of HACCP systems** where appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (CAC/RCP 57-2004) was/were produced in accordance with the public health requirements of..... (specify the country)*

What does it mean in practice and what are the requirements?

- Make HACCP mandatory in the food safety legislation
- Competent authorities are "competent" and are able to conduct inspection based on modern inspection techniques such as HACCP
- Qualified and competent food inspectors.

Multilateral cooperation between CAREC member states

- 1993 - CIS Agreement on Cooperation in the area of Veterinary
- 2003 – Uniform Rules of State Veterinary Surveillance applied to international and intergovernmental transportation of animals (cargoes with goods of animal origin)
- 2001 – Agreement between Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan on Uniform procedures on application of technical, medical, pharmaceutical, sanitary, veterinary, phytosanitary and ecological standards, norms, rules and requirements applied to goods imported to territories of Customs Union from CIS member states

- The Customs Union Agreement on SPS measures between Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation
- 2011 – CIS Free Trade Agreement contains commitments on SPS conformity and harmonization
- Bilateral agreements
 - Agreement between Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan and Mongolian Veterinary Committee on veterinary sanitary conditions and joint measures to export, import, and transit of animals, animal products, raw materials and feed. (July 21, 1998)
 - Agreement on cooperation between government of Mongolia and government of Tajikistan in the field of Veterinary (March 27, 2009)
 - Agreement on cooperation between government of Mongolia and government of Tajikistan in the field of plant protection and quarantine (March 27, 2009)
 - Agreement on cooperation between government of Mongolia and government of PRC in the field of animal quarantine and veterinary (April 29, 1994)

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- Agreement between government of Mongolia and government of PRC on Plant Quarantine (September , 1992)
- Agreement on mutual cooperation between government of Mongolia and government of PRC to ensure export and import of goods and quality assurance (April 29, 1994)
- Agreement on cooperation between the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia on Import and Export Food Safety concluded by China and Mongolia in 2009.
- Protocol between the People's Republic of China and Quality and Technical Supervision Bureau of Mongolia on Inspection, Quarantine and Veterinary Hygienic Conditions of Cooked Beef, Goat Meat and Lamb Meat Traded between China and Mongolia
- Protocol on Requirements for Quarantine of Wheat and Rapeseed Exported from Mongolia to China

Assessment of cooperation agreements between CAREC countries

- Low effectiveness level of multilateral/plurilateral/bilateral cooperation on SPS measures among CAREC member states
- Mostly declaratory political documents without real implementation and dispute resolution mechanisms
- Soviet legacy of overly excessive control procedures coupled with high level of corruption are reasons for lack of fundamental market reforms