

Alignment with International Standards

As a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) since April 26, 2015, Seychelles adheres to the SPS Agreement, which mandates that SPS measures:

- ✓ Are based on **scientific** evidence.
- ✓ **Do not discriminate** between countries with similar conditions.
- ✓ **Do not create unnecessary barriers** to international trade.



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Understanding Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures

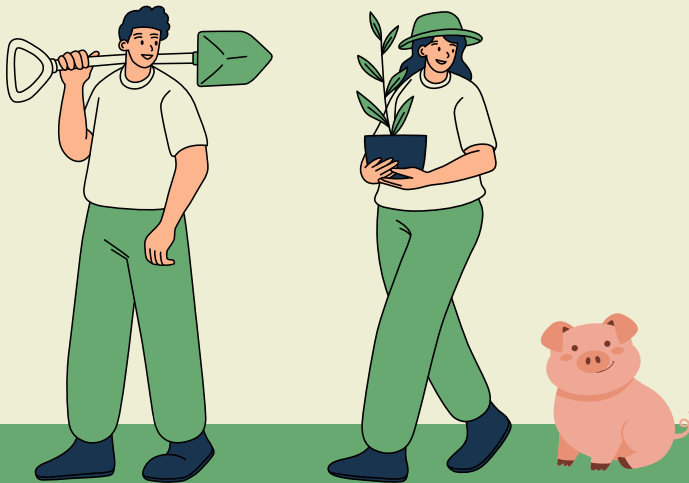
SPS measures are rules and procedures that protect the health of humans, animals, and plants from risks related to food safety, pests, and diseases.



SPS In Seychelles

The Seychelles SPS Regulatory Framework ensures that all agricultural, food, and animal-related products comply with safety standards. Key authorities involved include:

- ✓ Seychelles Bureau of Standards (SBS) – Setting and enforcing food safety standards.
- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment.
- ✓ Public Health Authority (PHA) – Overseeing human health and food safety.
- ✓ Trade Division, Ministry of Finance, National Planning, and Trade – Ensuring compliance with international SPS agreements.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SPS MEASURES

- ✓ Protection Human, Animal and Plant health.
- ✓ Facilitate safe Trade.
- ✓ Prevent economic losses.
- ✓ Preserve agricultural and environmental health.



Did You Know?

- ✓ Countries must notify the WTO about new SPS measures that may affect trade.
- ✓ Seychelles, as a WTO member, participates in this global SPS transparency mechanism.
- ✓ SPS measures must not be more trade-restrictive than necessary, and should be based on science.



Example: **Seychelles' Fish** **Exports**

To export fish to the EU or other international markets, Seychelles must comply with strict SPS standards to demonstrate that:

- The fish are free from parasites or harmful bacteria.
- Facilities meet hygiene and traceability standards.
- Fishing vessels are regularly inspected.