

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

JOINT WORK BY CODEX, IPPC AND OIE ON CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

Decision of the Committee

Adopted at its Meeting of 19-20 October 2011

The Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures ("the Committee"),

Desiring to further the use of harmonized sanitary and phytosanitary measures between Members, on the basis of international standards, guidelines and recommendations developed by the relevant international organizations (the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE));

Recognizing the differences in mandates amongst the three relevant international organizations;

Seeking to promote the use of international standards, guidelines and recommendations;

Recognizing the importance of full participation by Members, within the limits of their resources, in standard-setting procedures, especially by developing country Members;

Agrees as follows:

The Committee encourages joint work by two or all three of the relevant international organizations on cross-cutting issues such as, *inter alia*, certification, inspection, approval procedures and/or risk analysis.
