Issues and Approaches in Developing SASEC SPS And Standard Agenda

Bangladesh Perspective

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Bangladesh in 1971

Bangladesh in 2014

SPS & Standards Regime in Bangladesh

- **The Pure Food Ordinance, 1959**

- **Consumers Right Protection Act, 2009**

- **The Fish Protection and Conservation Act, 1950**

- **The Fish and Fish Product (Inspection and Quality Control) Ordinance, 1983**

- **The Animal Slaughter (Restriction) and Meat Inspection Act, 2005**

- **The Pesticide Ordinance, 1971**

SPS & Standard Regime Cont'd

- **The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (Amendment) Act, 2003**

- **The Bangladesh Accreditation Act, 2006**

- **The Marine Fisheries Ordinance, 1983**

- **The Animal Disease Act, 2005**

- **The Animal and Animal Products Quarantine Act, 2005**

- **The Destructive Insects and Pests Rules (Plant Quarantine), 1966**

- **The Agriculture Product Act, 1964**

Organizations Involved

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

- **Ministry of Agriculture**

- **Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock**

- **Ministry of Environment and Forest**

- **Ministry of Commerce**

- **BSTI (Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institutions) under the Ministry of Industries**

- **Bangladesh Accreditation Board under Ministry of Industry**

SPS Measures on Import

Bangladesh maintains SPS measures on imported products

- **In case of imports of food items-**

    - **certificate, declaring the safety of food for human consumption**

    - **radiation test before shipment**

- **In case of imports of plants, plant products and animals, quarantine procedures need to be followed**

SPS Measures on Export

- **The Fish Inspection and Quality Control Wing of Department of Fisheries**

  - **- Introduced HACCP in fish processing industries**

  - **- Carries out regular inspection of hygiene and sanitation of processing of plant premises to verify HACCP related records.**

  - **-Certify the export consignments**

- **Export of plant and plant products are also certified by the quarantine wing of the Department of Agricultural Extension.**

Challenges

- **Lack of appropriate knowledge on the issues**

- **Lack of awareness about trading partner's SPS/TBT requirement**

- **Lack of capability to comply**

- **Lack of expertise**

- **Lack of harmonization of relevant regulations & standards**

Government Effort

- **Establishment of 16 Plant Quarantine Laboratories**

- **Construction of Central Packaging House for smooth export**

- **Building capacity of quarantine related personnel**

- **Introduction of e-Phyto system**

- **Conducting Pest Risk Analysis of main crops**

- **Building trade capacity of small scale shrimp and prawn farmers**

Government Effort

- **Better work and standard program**

- **Modernization and strengthening of BSTI**

- **Establishment of chemical metrology laboratory in BSTI**

- **Strengthening of Bangladesh Accreditation Board**

- **National Laboratory Networking**

Priorities for Bangladesh

- **Building awareness among all the relevant stakeholders**

- **Enhancing overall compliant capability of the country**

- **Developing and improving legal and institutional infrastructure, including laboratory and testing facilities**

- **Enhancing coordination among the relevant organizations and stakeholders**

- **Bilateral/Regional collaboration**

SASEC TOR for National and Regional Diagnostics Studies

- **In line with STF Strategy**

- **Objectives are specific and achievable**

- **Tasks are well defined**

- **Will create a base for further work**

  -NDS is more challenging

  -Involvement of a lot of stakeholders

Options for Seeking Support

- **Through domestic effort**

- **Support from relevant partners/agencies**

- **Regional collaboration**

  -Sharing information,data,knowledge

  -Combining efforts

  -Enhancement of the negotiations within regional blocks

  -Formation of a Sub-Group under SASEC

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