

# Introduction

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# What are the aims of this Seminar?

- To help provide participants with a good understanding of the EU's SPS import requirements.
- To be interactive, to facilitate discussions leading to mutual understanding and practical insights.
- To discuss and provide advice on any particular issues for ASEAN members, regarding application of the EU SPS measures.

# What are the aims of this introductory session?

1. To set the scene for the rest of the seminar.
2. To provide some general background information on SPS and EU Food Law.
3. To introduce many of the individual topics that will be discussed in detail in subsequent sessions, placing them in some context.

# Association of Southeast Asian Nations



## ASEAN members

Brunei Darussalam

Cambodia

Indonesia

Laos PDR

Malaysia

Myanmar (Burma)

Philippines

Singapore

Thailand

Vietnam

# European Union



## EU members

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Ireland	United Kingdom
Italy	

# EU-ASEAN enhanced partnership

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## 2. Economic Cooperation: General: Trade and Investment.....

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# ASEAN ↔ EU trade

- The EU is the second largest trading partner for most countries in ASEAN, after the United States.
- ASEAN exports to the EU are around 13% of its total exports while EU exports to ASEAN are around 4% of its total exports.



# ASEAN trade by partner country/region 2005

as of 29 December 2006 (some small trade rows omitted for clarity)

Code	Trade partner country	Value of trade		
		Exports from ASEAN	Imports by ASEAN	Total trade
AT	Austria	497,619	912,177	1,409,796
BE	Belgium	3,171,921	1,838,799	5,010,720
CY	Cyprus	313,939	28,588	342,527
CS	Czech Republic	327,030	221,619	548,649
DK	Denmark	727,002	679,239	1,406,240
FI	Finland	1,434,403	1,022,941	2,457,344
FR	France	6,607,609	7,249,855	13,857,464
DE	Germany	13,710,563	14,654,342	28,364,905
GB	Great Britain	10,972,091	6,779,129	17,751,220
GR	Greece	516,950	67,519	584,468
HU	Hungary	1,213,138	297,834	1,510,972
IE	Ireland	1,938,747	2,387,241	4,325,988
IT	Italy	2,944,579	4,459,557	7,404,136
LU	Luxembourg	277,757	57,465	335,223
MT	Malta	314,464	375,629	690,092
NL	Netherlands	17,022,278	3,769,170	20,791,449
PL	Poland	371,055	170,271	541,326
PT	Portugal	360,521	430,695	791,216
RO	Romania	72,001	23,541	95,541
SK	Slovakia	22,226	36,960	59,187
ES	Spain	2,697,868	1,037,103	3,734,972
SE	Sweden	604,609	2,163,712	2,768,321
Eus	EU not specified	14,753,995	10,712,412	25,466,406
	approx total ASEAN-EU	<b>80,872,364</b>	<b>59,375,799</b>	<b>140,248,163</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>648,147,017</b>	<b>576,742,360</b>	<b>1,224,889,376</b>
	share ASEAN-EU	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>

Source: ASEAN Trade Database (compiled from data submission and/or websites of ASEAN Member Countries)





# Traded commodities relevant to SPS measures

Intra- and extra-ASEAN trade by commodity group, 2006 (as of 14/9/2007)

Commodity group <sup>1/</sup>		Intra-ASEAN			Extra-ASEAN			Total ASEAN	
Code	Description	Exports	Imports	Total trade	Exports	Imports	Total trade	Exports	Imports
01	Live animals	134	168	303	28	236	264	162	404
02	Meat and edible meat offal	47	26	73	51	945	996	98	971
03	Fish, crustaceans & aquatic invertebrates	657	912	1,569	6,410	1,850	8,260	7,067	2,761
04	Dairy produce; birds eggs; honey & other edible	442	494	936	381	2,152	2,532	823	2,646
05	Other products of animal origin	10	22	33	57	80	136	67	102
06	Live trees, plants; bulbs, roots; cut flowers &	21	43	64	187	30	217	208	73
07	Edible vegetables & certain roots & Tubers	256	279	535	1,275	799	2,074	1,530	1,078
08	Edible fruit & nuts; citrus fruit or melon peel	298	264	563	1,443	889	2,332	1,741	1,154
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	254	234	488	1,891	266	2,157	2,144	500
10	Cereals	1,147	1,127	2,274	2,412	2,606	5,018	3,559	3,733
11	Milling products; malt; starch; inulin; wheat gluten	267	210	477	416	572	988	684	782
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits; misc. grains, seeds &	149	125	274	186	1,169	1,355	335	1,293
13	Lac; gums, resins & other vegetable sap & extracts	26	24	50	127	127	254	153	151
14	Vegetable plaiting materials & other vegetable	8	20	28	65	12	77	73	32
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their products	1,770	1,328	3,098	12,243	330	12,572	14,013	1,658
16	Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans,	170	154	325	4,518	197	4,715	4,688	351
17	Sugars and sugar confectionary	553	404	957	796	1,237	2,033	1,349	1,640
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	447	574	1,021	1,317	595	1,912	1,764	1,169
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers	753	630	1,384	916	510	1,426	1,669	1,141
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other plant	155	96	251	1,777	385	2,162	1,932	481
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	643	531	1,174	934	947	1,880	1,577	1,478
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	904	308	1,212	721	1,389	2,110	1,625	1,697
23	Food industry residues & waste; prepared animal	303	339	642	777	2,472	3,249	1,080	2,811
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	911	508	1,419	424	794	1,218	1,335	1,302
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and	239	198	437	452	966	1,417	690	1,164
42	Leather articles, articles of animal gut	161	69	229	1,063	613	1,676	1,223	682
43	Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	3	2	5	11	17	27	14	18
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,034	1,483	2,517	9,580	972	10,552	10,614	2,455
45	Cork and articles of cork	1	1	1	0	6	6	1	7
99	Others	197	77	275	7,818	11,794	19,612	8,015	11,872
	Total SPS-related (approx)	11,961	10,651	22,611	58,273	34,954	93,227	70,234	45,605
	percentage of total trade	6%	7%	6%	10%	7%	9%	9%	7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>189,177</b>	<b>163,595</b>	<b>352,771</b>	<b>561,531</b>	<b>490,504</b>	<b>1,052,034</b>	<b>750,707</b>	<b>654,098</b>

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# Commodities subject to SPS measures

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21	Miscellaneous edible preparations
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar
23	Food industry residues & waste; prepared animal feed
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather
42	Leather articles, articles of animal gut
43	Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
45	Cork and articles of cork
99	Others (to mark end of list)

# EU food safety alerts on rise

A record number of 7,354 of food safety alerts and notifications were sent out through the EU's rapid alert system in 2007.

(Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) annual report)

The number of notifications increased by some 600 compared to the 2006 figure.

The rise is likely due to increased co-ordination and targeting of problem areas, not a decrease in food standards.



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- The majority (65%) of alert notifications in 2007 related to products originating in the EU.
- Most information notifications concerned products originating from China (352), Turkey (293) and the United States (191).

# Europe on bird flu alert - 2005

- The European Commission wants a temporary ban on imports of wild birds into the EU, as countries do what they can to keep out the bird flu virus

(BBC News, 25 October 2005, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4338490.stm>)



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- Outbreaks of the H5N1 virus have occurred in Romania, Russia and Turkey.
- The EU has banned imports of live birds and poultry from these countries.
- Cases of bird flu - not confirmed as H5N1 - have also been reported on the Greek island of Chios, in Croatia and Sweden.

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# Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) inspections

- Community legislation on food safety, animal health, plant health and animal welfare.
- The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) plays an important role in fulfilling this task.
- The FVO does this mainly by carrying out inspections in Member States and in third countries exporting to the EU.

# Inspections

- Border inspections of SPS commodities
- Market (retail) samples tested
- Third-country inspections by FVO

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