

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 regarding application of the EU SPS measures

What are the aims of this introductory session?

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

SK ↔ EU trade

- South Korea is the EU's eighth largest trade partner and the EU has become South Korea's second largest export destination.
- EU trade with South Korea exceeded €65 billion in 2008 and enjoyed an annual average growth rate of 7.5% between 2004 and 2008.



http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/countries/korea/

EU-SK Free Trade Agreement

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EU and the Republic of Korea was initialled in Brussels on 15th October 2009.
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=443&serie=273&langId=en>

The EU-Korea FTA is the first of the new generation of FTAs launched in 2007 as part of the "Global Europe" initiative.
 the EU-Korea FTA is the most comprehensive free trade agreement ever negotiated by the EU. Import duties are eliminated on nearly all products and there is far-reaching liberalisation of trade

Inspections and SPS measures

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

RASFF alert notifications

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

| Year | Alerts |
|------|--------|
| 1995 | 0 |
| 1996 | 0 |
| 1997 | 0 |
| 1998 | 0 |
| 1999 | 0 |
| 2000 | 0 |
| 2001 | 0 |
| 2002 | 0 |
| 2003 | 0 |
| 2004 | 0 |
| 2005 | 0 |
| 2006 | 0 |
| 2007 | 0 |
| 2008 | 0 |

EU food safety controls are applied equally

.....of the approximately 7,000 food safety alerts and notifications sent out through the EU's rapid alert system in 2008.....

- the majority (67%) related to products originating in the EU
