

United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) Advisory Group Meeting on Agricultural Trade Facilitation, CIECC Conference Centre, Beijing, China, 12 September, 2013

Background:

The United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) is a community of knowledge and practice for experts from developing countries and transition economies from Asia and the Pacific involved in the implementation of electronic trade systems and trade facilitation. Established in 2009 by UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), UNNExT aims to support national, sub-regional and transcontinental paperless trade initiatives. It supports and guides capacity building activities including training, knowledge sharing, and application of international standards.

Activities of UNNExT are supported by an Advisory Committee. ESCAP provides the secretariat support in collaboration with ECE. Activities on specific topics are guided by Advisory Groups. As part of expanding of UNNExT activities in this area, an Advisory Group for Agricultural Trade Facilitation has been established. This meeting will be the first meeting of the Advisory Group including other invited experts and participants. It will mainly discuss (i.) the content of a UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation, (ii) various paperless trade systems for agricultural trade and (iii) way forward for UNNExT on agricultural trade facilitation.

Tentative Programme

08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Remarks <i>Mr. Yann Duval</i> <i>Chief, Trade Facilitation, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i>
09:10 - 09:15	Introduction of the UNNExT Advisory Group members and other participants
09:15 – 10:25	Session 1: UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade Facilitation Presentation on “UNNExT and Agricultural Trade Facilitation” <i>Mr. Khan Salehin, ESCAP</i> Presentation on “Outline of the UNNExT Guide on Paperless Trade Systems for Agricultural Trade” <i>Mr. Heiner Lehr, Consultant, ESCAP</i>
10:25 – 10:40	Coffee Break
10:40 – 12:00	Session 2: Paperless Systems for Facilitating Agricultural Trade Presentation on “The experience of implementation of e-SPS certificate in China”, <i>Ms. Lin Jing</i> Presentation on “Implementation of e-traceability in ASEAN: tool for

	<p>advancing regional cooperation”, Mr. Kum Wah Chang</p> <p>Presentation on “Electronic exchange of certificates for agricultural import in the Philippines”, Mr. Francis Lopez</p>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session 2 (cont’d): Paperless Systems for Facilitating Agricultural Trade</p> <p>Presentation on “E-traceability in Thailand: Lessons from Implementation”, Mr. Ponprome Chairidchai</p> <p>Presentation by Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) (tbc)</p> <p>Presentation on “Linkages between E-traceability and Paperless Regulatory Control Systems”, Mr. Patrik Jonasson (presentation tbc)</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:00	<p>Discussion on the Content of the Guide (max 10 mins. each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Lin Jing</i> <i>Director, Department of Inspection and Quarantine Clearance, China</i> • <i>Mr. Kum Wah Chang</i> <i>Senior Principle Assistant Director</i> <i>Research Division, Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia</i> • <i>Mr. Patrik Jonasson</i> <i>Director, Public Policy International, GSI</i> • <i>Mr. Ponprome Chairidchai</i> <i>Secretary, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Thailand</i> • <i>Mr. Francis Lopez</i> <i>President, InterCommerce Network Services, the Philippines</i> <p>Country Perspectives on the Content of the Guide (max 10 mins. each)</p> <p>Mongolia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Purevjav B.</i> <i>Director, International Cooperation and Public Relations</i> <i>Department (tbc)</i> <p>Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Syed Arif Azad</i> <i>Director General, Department of Fisheries</i> <p>Myanmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Aung Khin Myint, President, Myanmar International Freight Forwarder Association</i>
16:00 - 16:30	Way Forward and Closing