

- (ii) explanation by the importing Party of the objective of its sanitary measures, including an assessment, as appropriate to the circumstances, of any risks that the sanitary measures are intended to address, and identification by the importing Party of its appropriate level of sanitary protection;
- (iii) provision of information by the exporting Party supporting its view that its sanitary measures achieve the importing Party's appropriate level of sanitary protection;
- (iv) assessment by the importing Party of whether the exporting Party's sanitary measures achieve the importing Party's appropriate level of sanitary protection; this step may include an evaluation of:
 - (a) the risks identified by the importing Party and evidence provided by the exporting Party that its sanitary measures effectively address those risks;
 - (b) the legislative authority, standards, practices and procedures including those of laboratories, as well as the programmes in place to ensure that the domestic requirements of the exporting Party and the importing Party's requirements are met;
 - (c) the documented structure of the relevant responsible authorities, their command chain, their authority, their operational procedures and the resources available to them; and
 - (d) the performance of the relevant responsible authorities in relation to the control programme and assurances.

The importing Party may carry out audit and verification procedures, in accordance with Article 10, to assist this assessment.