

3. The Committee provides a forum to:
 - (a) enhance the understanding of each Party's sanitary and phytosanitary measures, including through exchange of information relating to each Party's regulatory systems;
 - (b) discuss matters related to the development or application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures that may directly or indirectly affect trade between the Parties;
 - (c) promote bilateral cooperation, between the Parties, on sanitary and phytosanitary issues that are under discussion in multilateral and international fora, including the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the *Codex Alimentarius* Commission, the International Plant Protection Convention, and the World Organization for Animal Health;
 - (d) consider technical cooperation in relation to development, implementation, and application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures; and
 - (e) discuss and review progress on addressing sanitary and phytosanitary matters that may arise between the Parties.
4. The Parties shall ensure that the Committee will consider further cooperation on sanitary and phytosanitary matters of mutual interest.
5. Each Party shall ensure the participation, as appropriate, of representatives from its relevant government authorities that are responsible for the development, implementation and enforcement of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, in the Committee meetings referred to in paragraph 6.
6. The Committee shall meet as required, normally on an annual basis. The Committee may meet in person, through teleconference, videoconference or by any other means to ensure its effective operation and fulfillment of its responsibilities.
7. The Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures replaces the existing Canada-Chile Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committee established by the Free Trade Commission of the CCFTA on May 10, 2001.

Article C bis-05: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issue Avoidance and Resolution

1. The Parties shall work expeditiously to resolve any specific sanitary and phytosanitary trade-related issue and commit to carry out the necessary technical level discussion to resolve any such issue, including an assessment of the scientific basis of the measure at issue.
2. The Parties shall avail themselves of all reasonable options to avoid and resolve sanitary and phytosanitary issues, including meeting in person, using technological means (via teleconference, videoconference) and opportunities that may arise in international fora.