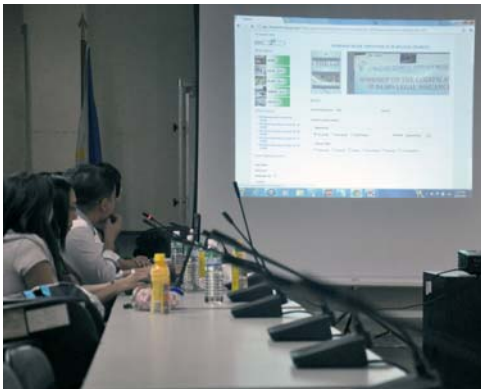




Action in the Field

Brief Activity Report



Codifying to Facilitate Trade. The Department of Agriculture codifies its SPS-related legal issuances and regulations and builds these in an electronic platform to be virtually accessible any time any where. Maribel Marges (rightmost, second row photo), TRTA SPS Focal Person for the Department of Agriculture says that the codification “is intended to improve information availability and transparency of government regulations and measures to facilitate trade”. She further says that this is also “a tool for policy review and formulation to reduce confusion, overlaps, and inconsistencies.” TRTA SPS Legislation Expert Atty. Beth Macaibay (standing bottom photo) presides over the review of the features of the electronic portal of these issuances and regulations dubbed as DA SPS Portal before its launching in early 2012.

Component	Standards Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Conformity
Implementing Agency	Department of Agriculture
Activity	Workshop on the Codification of DA SPS Legal Issuance
Dates/Site	5 October 2011 / DA NAFC Apacible Hall, DA Bldg., Eliiptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City 9 November 2011 / DA NAFC Apacible Hall, DA Bldg., Eliiptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City
Participants	32 (including NEDA TIUS Director)
Resource-person	Atty Eliza Beth Macaibay, TRTA SPS Legislation Expert Irina Kireeva-Dudley, TRTA SPS Legislation Expert
Expected Outcome	Confusion, overlaps, and inconsistencies in the implementation of SPS-related regulations and legal issuances are reduced. Implementation of SPS-related regulations and legal issuance is more transparent. The industry sector is well informed and properly served with the information requirements on their conformity to trade-related regulations on SPS matter.
Objective	To present the objectives, coverage, and guide of the Codification of DA SPS legal issuances. To identify and arrange the relevant SPS legal issuances in the appropriate in appropriate categories as provided in the codification guide.
Methodology	Collation, review, and validation of SPS-related regulations and legal issuances. Construction of the portal. Uploading.