

## **United States-Morocco Joint Statement** **on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Cooperation**

1. The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco support the full implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (“SPS Agreement”).
2. The United States and Morocco have a history of cooperation and partnership on SPS matters.
3. The governments affirm their intent to pursue efforts to enhance bilateral SPS cooperation, recognizing that liberalized and expanded trade and investment between them support economic development, including through implementation of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement and agricultural reform.
4. The governments will cooperate on SPS matters by engaging in mutually agreed activities that promote full implementation of the SPS Agreement, facilitate bilateral trade, and support Moroccan agricultural reform.
5. To strengthen effective cooperation on SPS issues, the governments will establish a Working Group on SPS Cooperation (“Working Group”) composed of representatives of each government. The governments intend that the Working Group will meet annually as agreed, alternately in each country.
6. The governments expect that the Working Group will develop a Plan of Action. In this Plan of Action, the Working Group should identify priority projects for SPS cooperation. Recognizing that the two governments may identify new cooperative priorities in light of changing circumstances, the Working Group should update the Plan of Action as necessary.
7. The governments should solicit, and take into account as appropriate, the views of the public with respect to the Plan of Action.
8. The Working Group should report on its work to the Subcommittee on SPS Matters established pursuant to the Free Trade Agreement. In conducting its work, the Working Group should consider any views and recommendations of the Subcommittee.

9. Each government is expected to name a Principal Coordinator who will serve as a point of contact regarding the activities of the Working Group and implementation of the Plan of Action.

10. The governments recognize that all cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to the Plan of Action will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and the applicable laws and regulations of each government.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

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KINGDOM OF MOROCCO:**

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