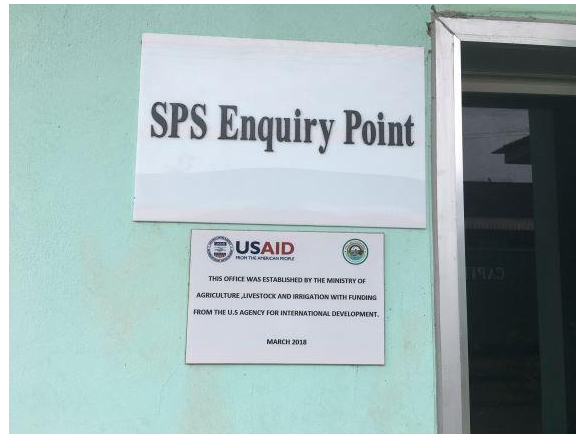


## Sanitary and Phytosanitary Enquiry Point (SPS EP Section)



The Sanitary and Phytosanitary National Enquiry Point (SPS-EP) has been established at the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation on 29 March 2018 with the funding of USAID-PSDA Project in-line with the Annex B: Transparency of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations under Article 7: Transparency of WTO The SPS Agreement.

### **Duties and Functions**

*SPS National Enquiry Point (SPS-EP) has been established*

- ✓ to answer all reasonable questions regarding SPS measures from domestic organizations and other WTO Member countries
- ✓ to provides relevant supporting documents
- ✓ to allow trading partners to be aware of and to meet expectations and trade requirements more readily thus contributing to the trade facilitation process and increase trade activity in both imports and exports.
- ✓ To provide the information about Myanmar's and other country's measures, regulations, standards, test procedures, certification requirements, etc. which are requested by the domestic, regional and international stakeholders

### **Other Functions of the Myanmar SPS Enquiry Point:**

- ✓ Promote the activity to raise the awareness of at levels, especially stakeholders in the country on SPS issues
- ✓ Work as a portal to provides information on SPS and related issues of other WTO/ASEAN Members in order to promote domestic exports in the world market
- ✓ Works as a Central contact point with SPS contact points in line Ministry's

### **The Myanmar SPS Enquiry Point can provide information about:**

- ✓ sanitary or phytosanitary regulations adopted or proposed Myanmar
- ✓ control and inspection procedures, production and quarantine treatment, pesticide tolerance and food additive approval procedures in Myanmar
- ✓ requirements for food safety and animal and plant health related to exports to other WTO member countries
- ✓ membership and participation of Myanmar in international and regional sanitary and phytosanitary organizations
- ✓ Myanmar's bilateral and multilateral agreements and arrangements within the scope of the SPS Agreement

### **Working Departments and Ministries for National SPS Enquiry Point**

- ✓ the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Health
- ✓ the Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- ✓ Livestock and Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- ✓ the Department of Fisheries (DOF), and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- ✓ the Department of Consumer Affairs (DOCA). Ministry of Commerce