

Food safety across the food chain

Food standards and international trade

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Unsafe food results in..

hunger



wastage of food



poverty

less nutrition for people

sub-standard food



limited global negotiating position

less tourists

disease burden on Government



negative trade balance



decline in business interests



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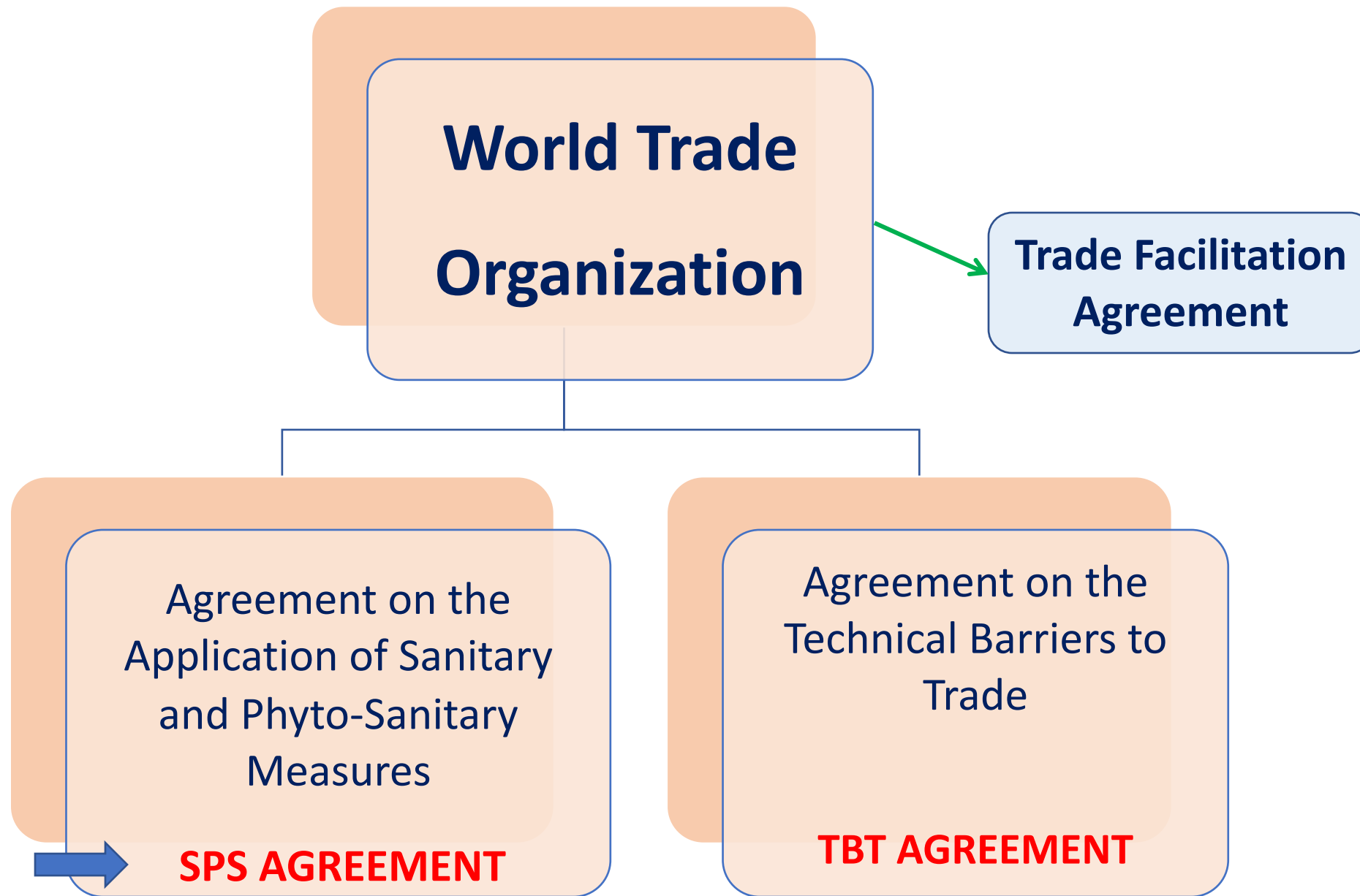
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Purpose of the SPS Agreement?

The right to
protect
human, animal
or **plant** life or
health



Avoiding
unnecessary
barriers
to trade

Same approach for all three



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Key Takes from SPS Agreement

- Members entitled to establish SPS measures for the protection of human health, provided measures are **consistent with Agreement**
- Apply the principle of **non - discrimination**
- The level of protection should be appropriate (**ALOP**)
- Members shall ensure SPS measures are **science-based** and are applied in a manner that would not constitute a **disguised restriction** on international trade
- Members are encouraged to base their SPS measures on **international standards**, guidelines / recommendations, where they exist
- **IPPC, OIE and Codex are the reference standards under WTO**



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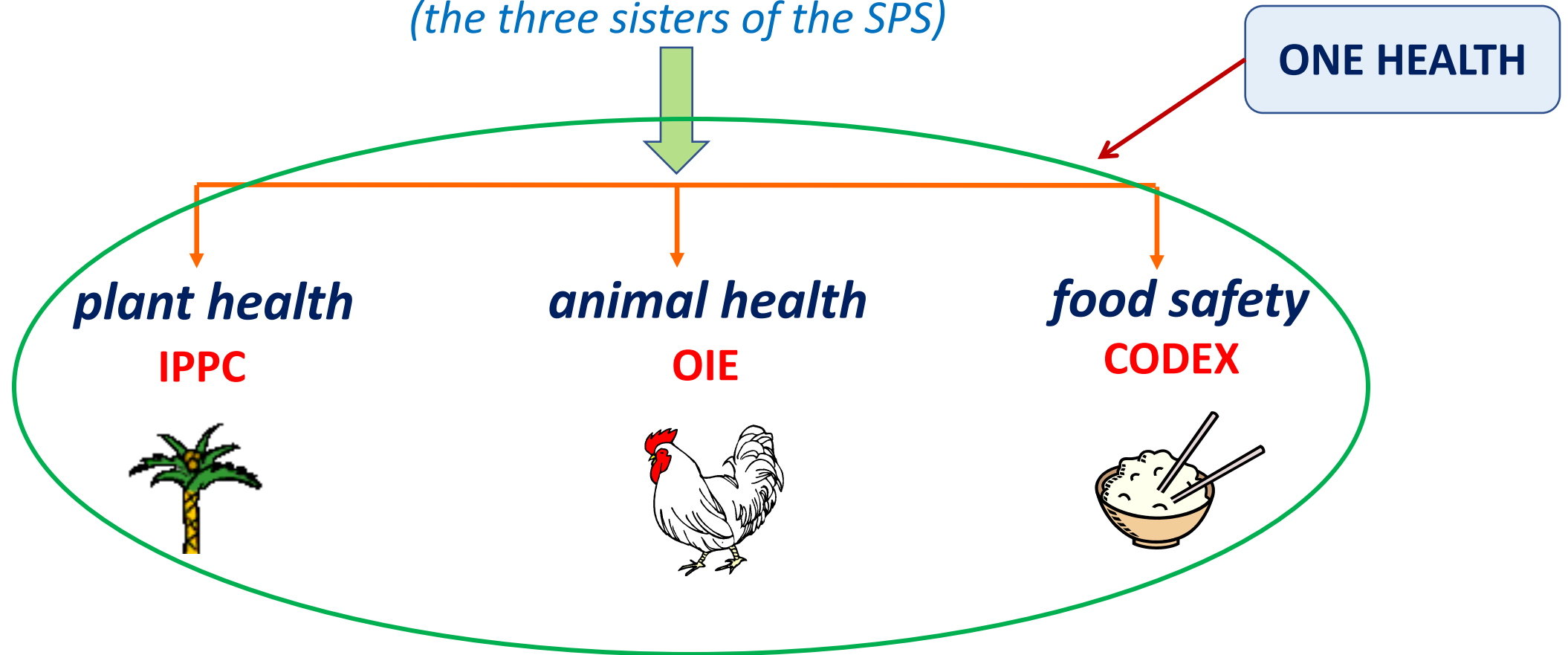
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International Standards

Standard-setting organizations

(the three sisters of the SPS)



What is Codex ?



- Joint body of FAO and WHO
- The Codex Commission held its first meeting in Rome in June 1963.
- It, currently, **meets annually**, alternatively between the headquarters of FAO (Rome) and WHO (Geneva)



The Mandate:

- protect the health of consumers; *and*
- to ensure fair practices in the food trade.



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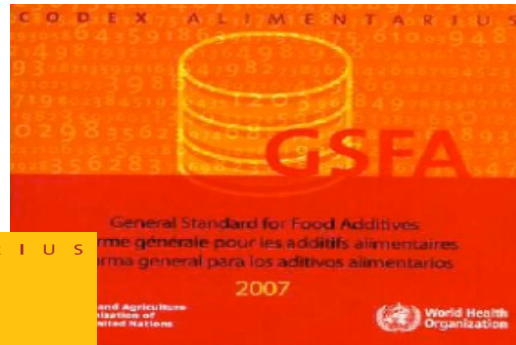
What does it do...?

- ❖ The *Codex Alimentarius* –
 - adopts standards;
 - codes of practice; *and*
 - guidelines.

- GSFA (*food additives*)
- GSCTFF (*mycotoxins, heavy metals, etc.*)
- On-line database on Pesticide MRLs
- MRLs and RMR for residues of Vet. Drugs
- Food Hygiene (*GPFH, Codes of Practice*)

*apply to all
commodities*

*science-based
standards*



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*alignment with Codex
ensures food safety everywhere
and facilitates trade
between countries as*

***exchange of information is standardized;
helps settle differences; saves time***



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