

## **SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE (SCSC), SCSC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) and SCSC Joint Regulatory Advisory Committee on Electrical and Electronic Equipment Meeting (JRAC)**

### **CONVENORS REPORT AND INPUTS FOR 2020 CTI ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS**

#### **Key Achievements in 2020**

- **SCSC and JRAC** : SCSC and JRAC members shared information, best practices and experiences related to standards including the impact of COVID-19 in the plenary meetings.
- **SCSC**: Japan presented the results of the survey on alignment of standards for the 8th Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) alignment work. The survey looked at 55 International Standards in the field of electrical appliances, cyber security environmental management, greenhouse gases, smart cities and so on.
- **SCSC**: The US implemented a workshop for the project “APEC Workshop on Internet of Things (IoT) Security Best Practices” to support economies’ implementation of cybersecurity policies, specific to state-of-art IoT security practices and related baseline core capabilities and standards. The project aims to increase dialogue, cooperation, and sharing of state-of-art practices specific to IoT security between governments and industry to robust digital trade flows.
- **SCSC**: Japan implemented a workshop for the project “Capacity Building on the Development of Climate Actions of Sustainable Growth by use of ISO 14080” which aimed at raising awareness of climate actions among SMEs, NGOs and the public sector and to encourage them to develop climate actions.
- **SCSC FSCF**: FSCF implemented a workshop for the project on “trade facilitation through the development of an APEC food safety risk communication framework” which attracted the participation of approximately 100 representatives from food safety regulatory agencies and food industry organisations of APEC member economies, and FAO and WHO Western Pacific Regional Office. The workshop explored challenges faced by food safety regulatory agencies and food industry in dealing with food safety risk communication and agreed the outline to a Risk Communication Framework.
- **SCSC FSCF**: The USA will hold a virtual two-day workshop under the SCSC FSCF on Enforcement of Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs), in December, 2020. This workshop will further explore current practices among APEC economies on MRL enforcement and compliance.

#### **Work Undertaken by the Fora in Response to COVID-19 (if applicable)**

- **SCSC**: Malaysia implemented a voluntary COVID-19 survey among SCSC members which aims at sharing information regarding the policy responses and measures taken by each member economies in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic (13 economies responded to the survey).
- **SCSC**: Japan is planning to implement the 9<sup>th</sup> VAP on COVID-19 related standards.
- **SCSC FSCF**: Australia is currently developing a self-funded project CN to facilitate understanding of best food safety regulatory practices and minimize disruption of food trade during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora</b>
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<b>Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers/Leaders at the end of 2020 (if applicable)</b>
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