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1. Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization.
2. Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.
3. Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization.
4. SPS Bilateral Committees of Mexico.
5. National Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.
6. SPS competent authorities in Mexico.
7. Current Trade Negotiations.

SPS MEASURES

1. NO UNJUSTIFIABLE DISCRIMINATION THROUGH SPS
2. SCIENTIFIC JUSTIFICATION:
 - BASE THE MEASURES ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS (HARMONIZATION)
 - RISK ASSESSMENTS
 - AVOID ARBITRARY LEVELS OF PROTECTION (COHERENCE)
 - ADOPT LESS RESTRICTIVE TRADE MEASURES

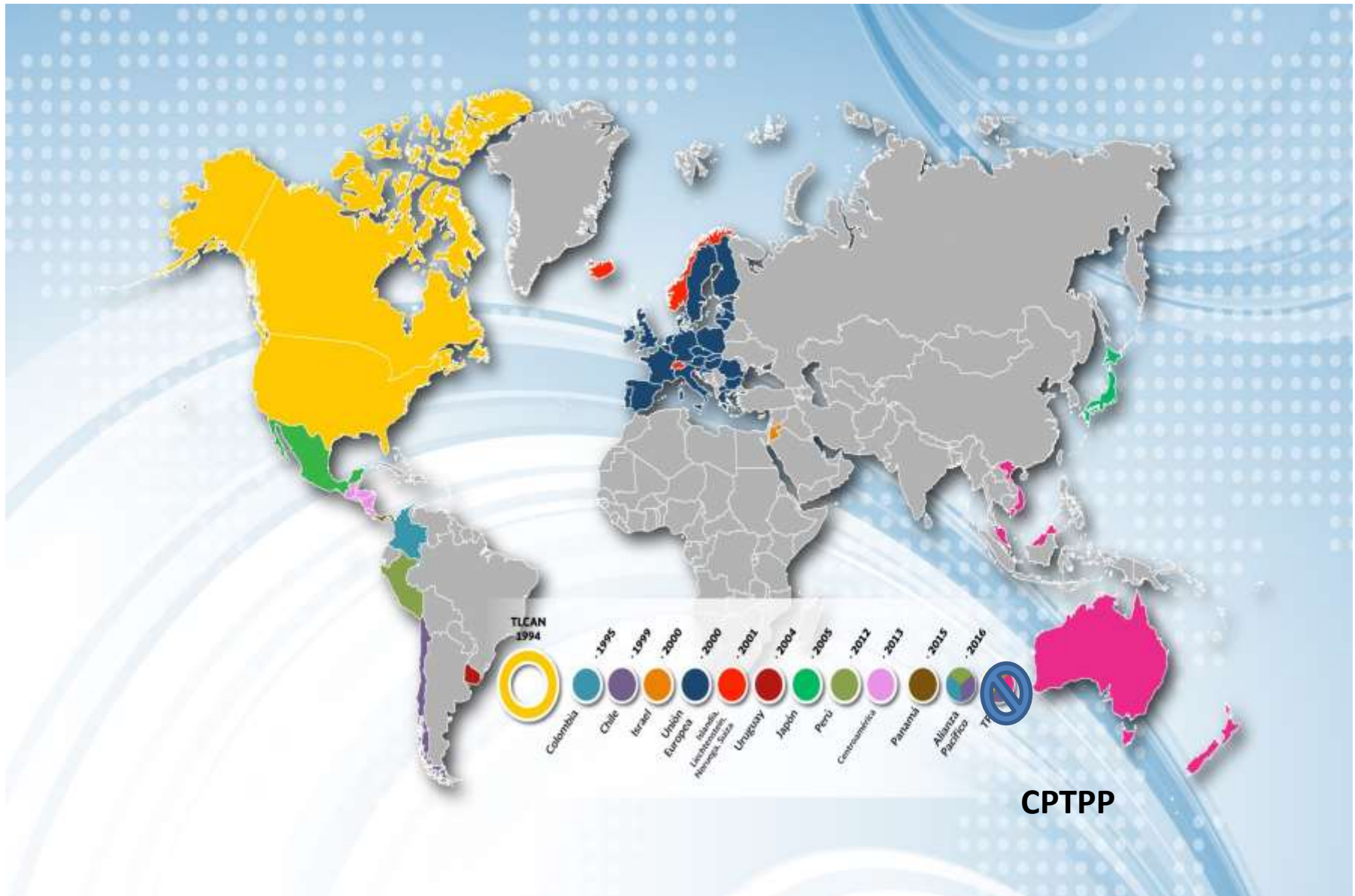
SPS MEASURES

3. ACCEPT EQUIVALENT MEASURES (EQUIVALENCE)
4. RECOGNIZE DISEASE-FREE OR PEST-FREE AREAS (REGIONALIZATION)
5. NOTIFY MEASURES (TRANSPARENCY)
6. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT
7. CONTROL, INSPECTION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES NO MORE BURDENSOME THAN NECESSARY

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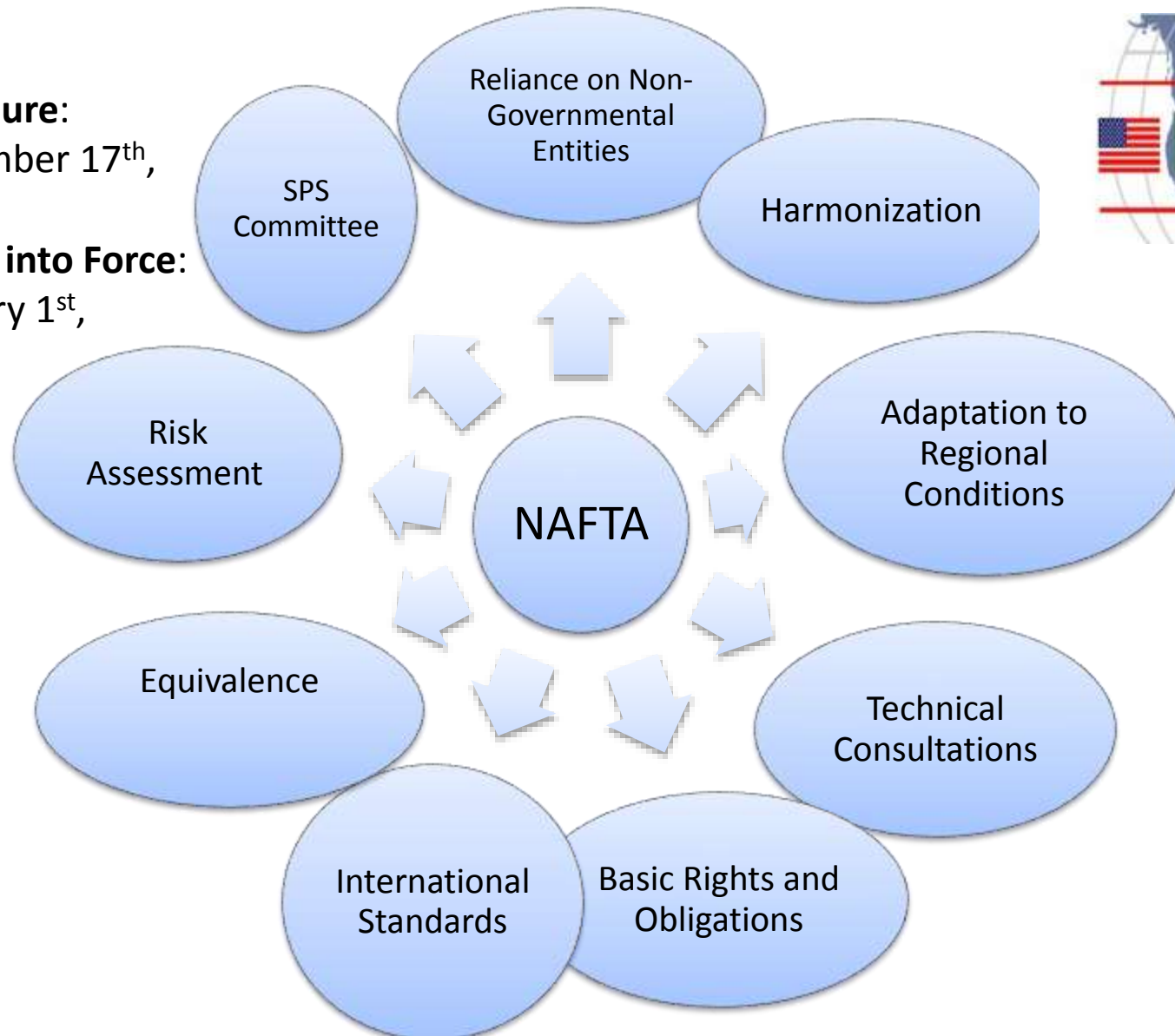
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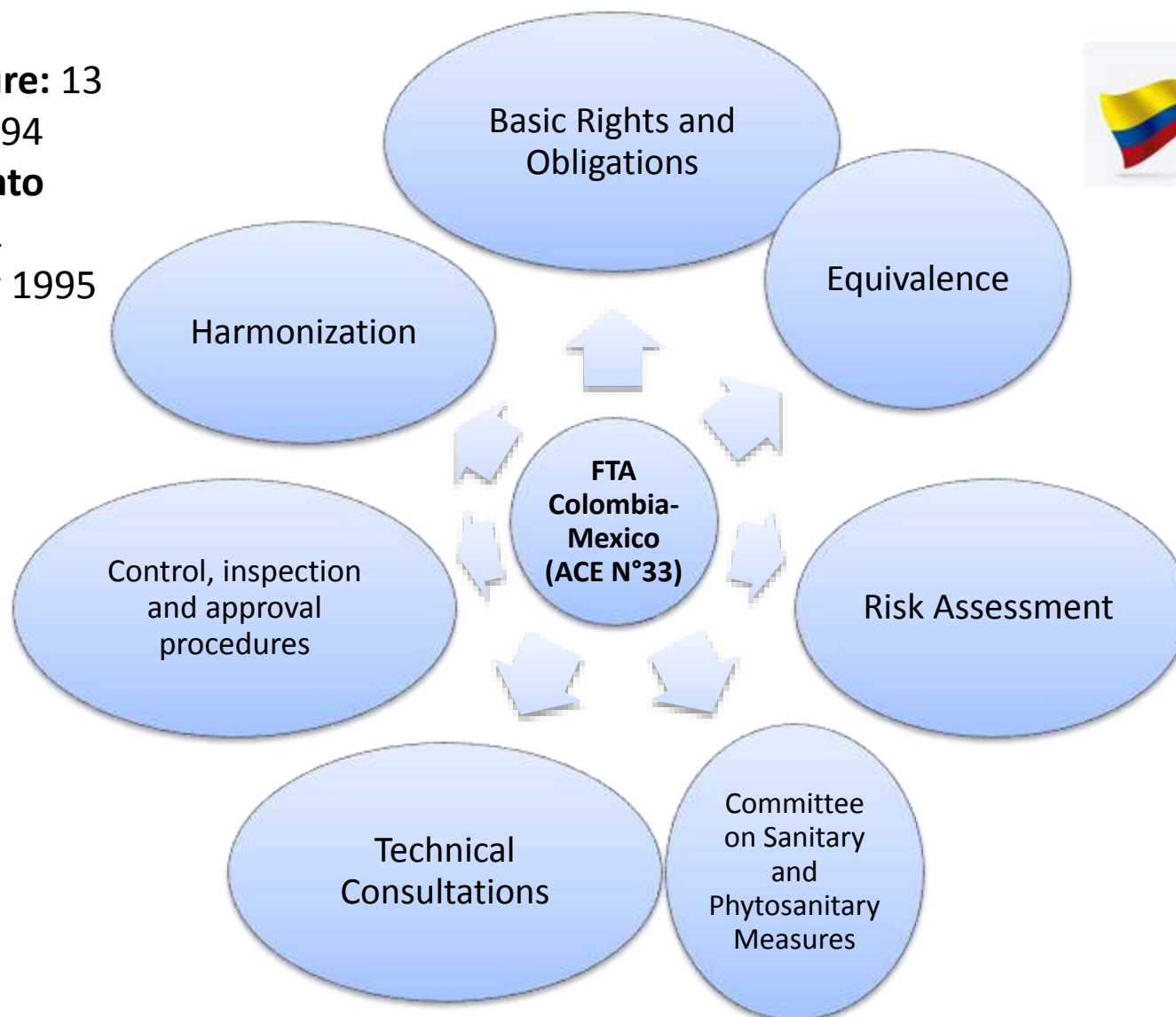
2.-Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:**
December 17th,
1992
- ✓ **Entry into Force:**
January 1st,
1994.



2.-Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 13
june 1994
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 1
january 1995



2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 08
December 1997
- ✓ **Entry into Force:** 01
October 2000

It reaffirms rights and obligations of the SPS Agreement of the WTO.

**EU-MEXICO
AGREEMENT**

Establishment of a Special Committee.



2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 17 april 1998
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 1 august 1999



2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico

- ✓ **Signature:**
10 april
2000
- ✓ **Entry into
force** :1 july
2001

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**FTA
Mexico-
Israel**

2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 27 november 2000
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 1 july 2001

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FTA Mexico-European Free Trade Association

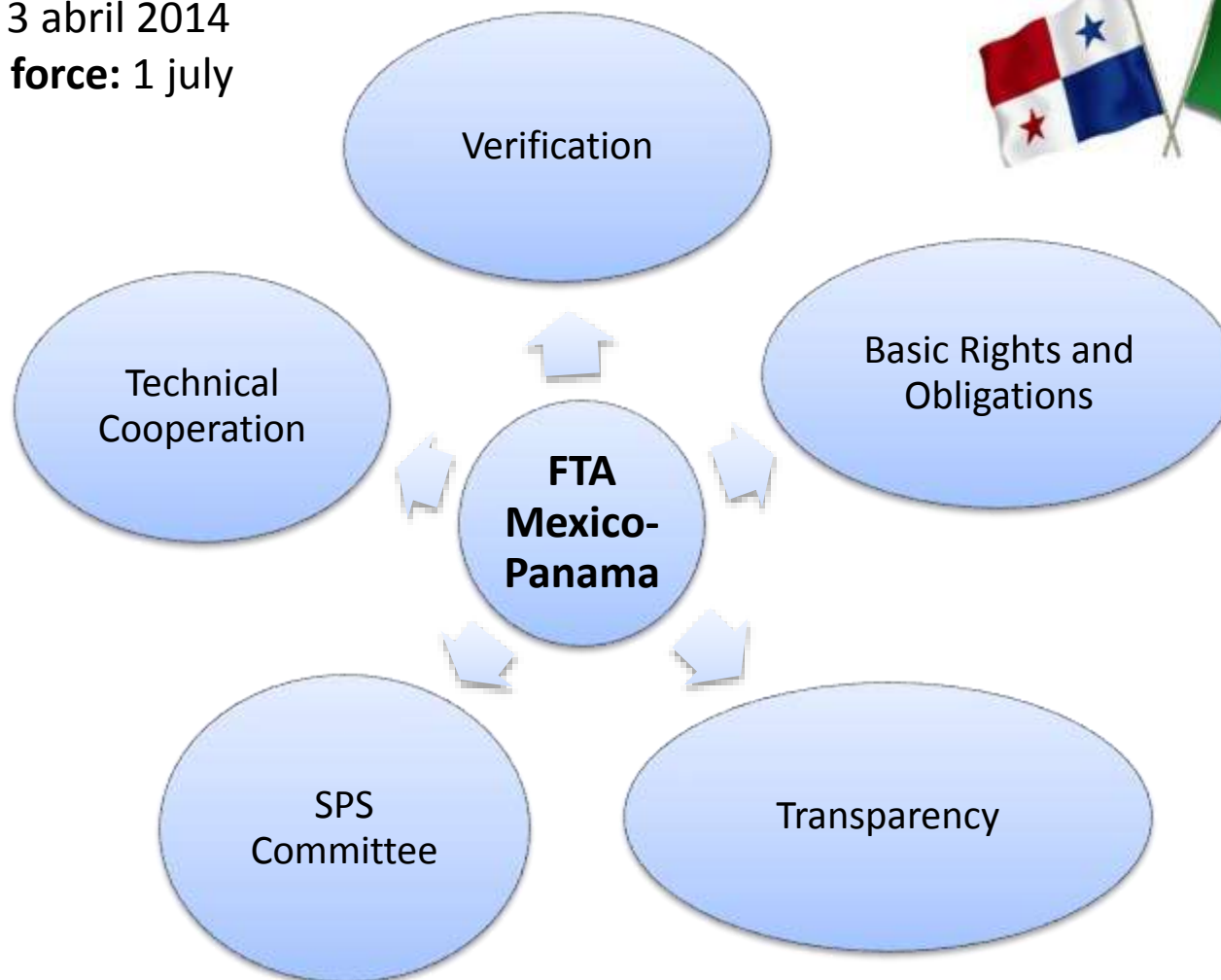
2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 15 november 2003
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 15 july 2004



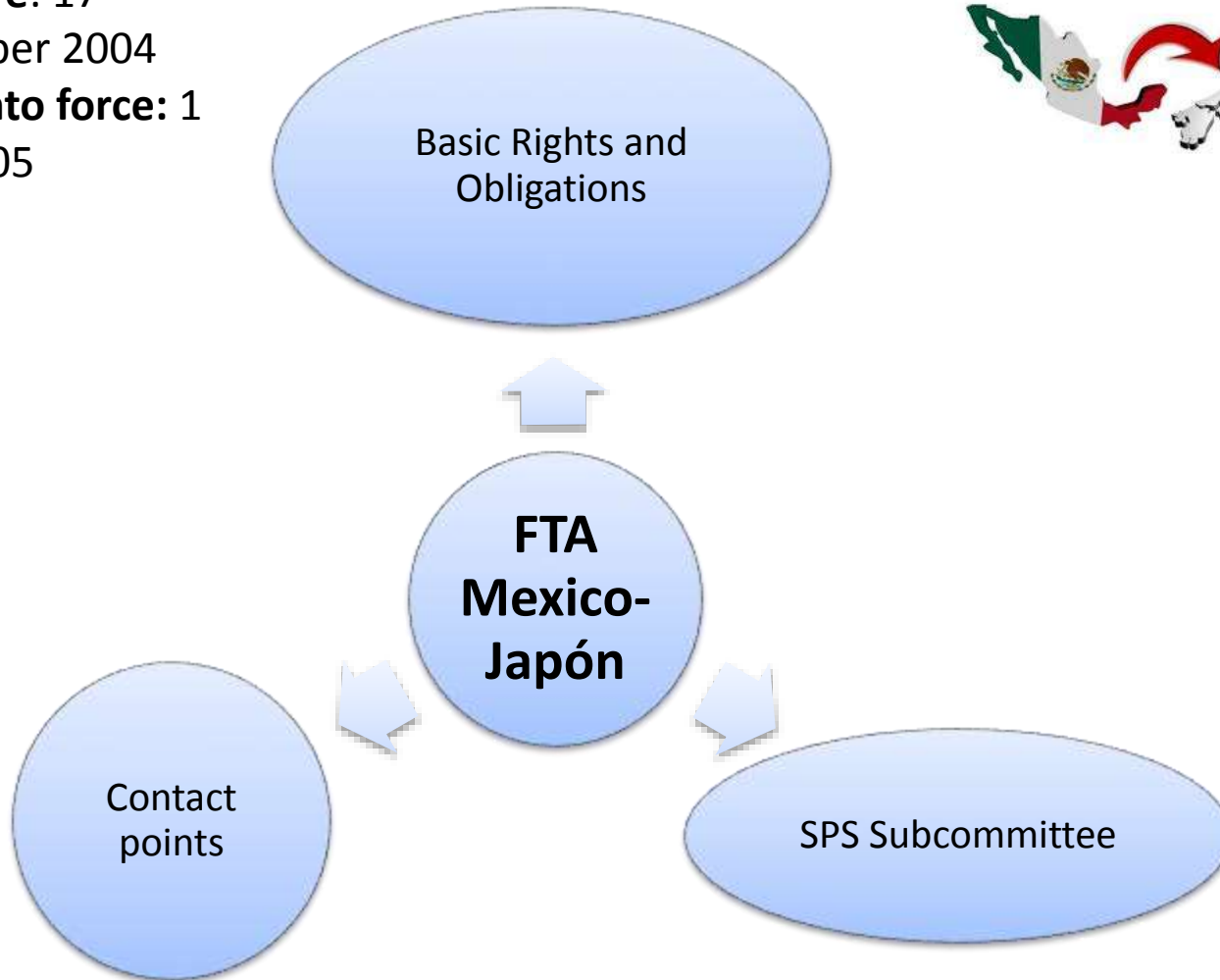
2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 3 abril 2014
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 1 july 2015



2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 17 september 2004
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 1 april 2005



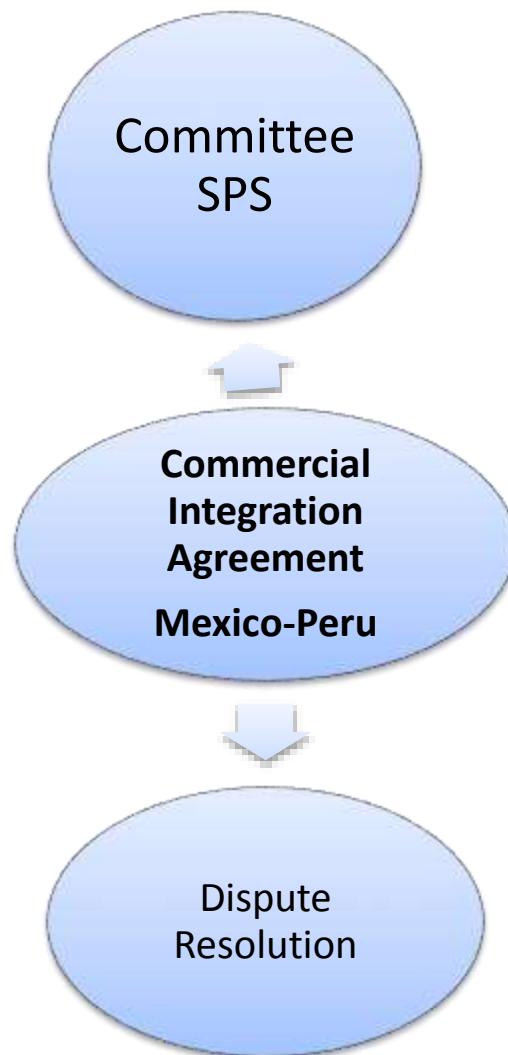
2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico

- ✓ **Signature:** 17 may 2010
- ✓ **Entry into force:** 07 june 2010



2.-Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 6
april 2011
- ✓ **Entry into
force:** 01
february 2012



2.- Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature:** 22 november 2011
- ✓ **Entry into force :** 2013

TLC MÉXICO-CENTROAMÉRICA



2.-Free Trade Agreements signed by Mexico.

- ✓ **Signature** : 10 february 2014
- ✓ **Vigor**: 01 may 2016



4.

Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures of the World
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WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



Mexico has been an active Member of the WTO SPS Committee:

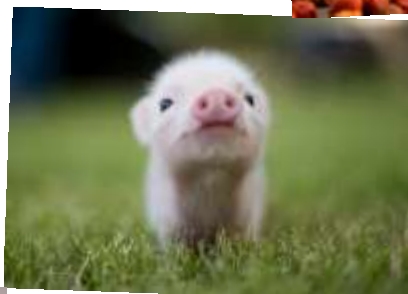
- 434 STCs have been raised by WTO Members.
- 15295 SPS measures have been notified by WTO Members.
- Mexico: **506 notifications**
 - 301 regular notifications
 - 37 emergency measures
 - 168 corrigenda and addenda

5.
Bilateral Committees on Sanitary and Phytosanitary
Measures .

5.-Bilateral Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committees of Mexico.

➤ Typical issues of the Mexico-European Union FTA Committee.

- ✓ Wheat.
- ✓ Beef.
- ✓ Equine meat, live horses and genetic material.
- ✓ Pork meat.
- ✓ Apples and pears
- ✓ Feed and pet food.
- ✓ Dairy products.



5.-Bilateral Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committees of Mexico.

➤ Typical issues of the Colombia-Mexico Free Trade Agreement Committee.

- ✓ Processed dairy
- ✓ Beef.
- ✓ Papaya.
- ✓ Fresh coconut.
- ✓ Persian limon.
- ✓ Orchid plants.
- ✓ Table grapes.
- ✓ Strawberry seedlings.



5.-Bilateral Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committees of Mexico.

➤ Relevant issues of the SPS Committee of the Mexico-Central America FTA.

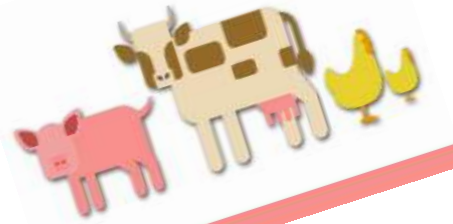
- ✓ Meat products
- ✓ Egg products
- ✓ Sausages
- ✓ Fresh pineapple
- ✓ Cocoa
- ✓ Banana
- ✓ Peach



5.-Bilateral Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Committees of Mexico..

➤ Relevant issues of the SPS Committee of the NAFTA.

- ✓ Use of pesticides
- ✓ Animal health
- ✓ Food safety issues
- ✓ Packing of wood
- ✓ Plant health issues
- ✓ Tequila food safety



6.

National Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

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- In the framework of the National Standardization Commission, the National Committees of SPS and TBT were created.
- Main objectives of the National Committees are:
 - ✓ Institutionalize the interaction with all regulatory authorities and standardization bodies;
 - ✓ Prepare Mexico's position in international negotiations on SPS and TBT matters;
 - ✓ Promote the defense of the export interests of Mexico (through the identification, planning and monitoring of PCE, for example).
 - ✓ Properly address with concerns or questions from trading partners about measures adopted by Mexico regarding standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

6.-National Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.



7.

SPS Competent authorities in Mexico.

7.-Competent authorities regarding Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in Mexico.



8.
Current Negotiations

8.- Current Trade Negotiations

**ACE 53 Mexico-Brasil
8 rounds**



**ACE 6 Mexico-Argentina
4 rounds**



**Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-
Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**



**EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement
(Agreed in principle)**



8.- Current Trade Negotiations

Pacific Alliance – Candidates to Associate States
4 rounds



NAFTA



THANK YOU!



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