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# Canada's National SPS Coordination Mechanisms

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# Purpose

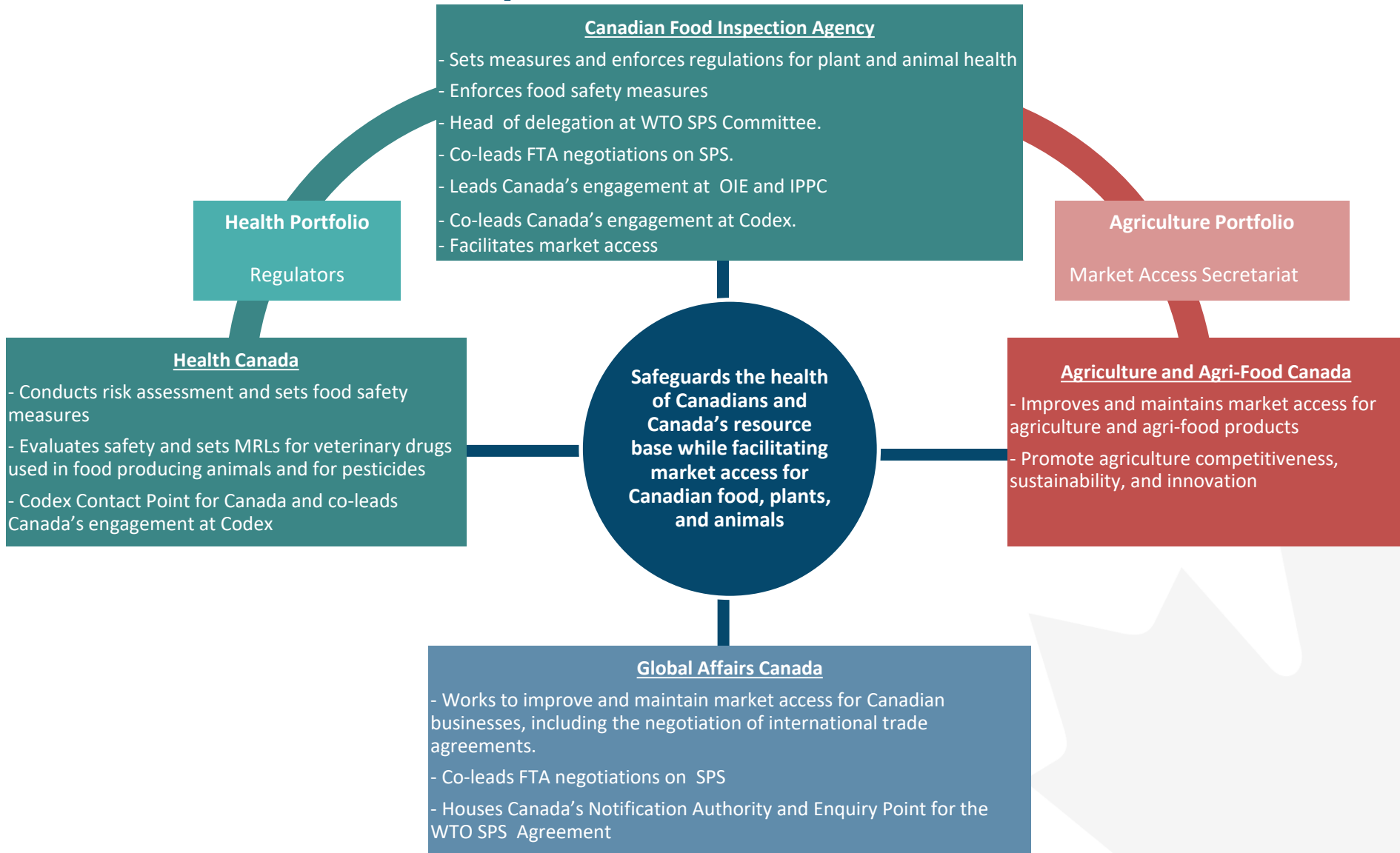
- Provide an overview of Canada's national coordination mechanisms relating to SPS matters



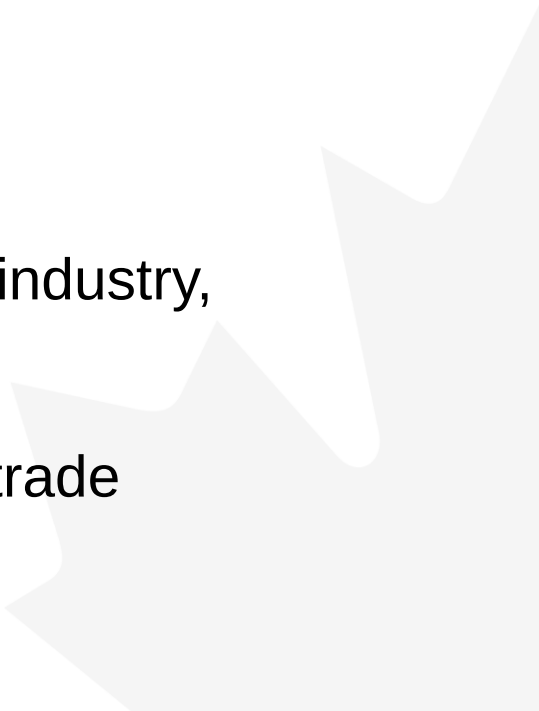
# Use of Coordination Mechanisms

- Canada uses coordination mechanisms to undertake consultations to develop positions and strategies for international initiatives on SPS matters
- For example:
  - Develop positions for international organizations including WTO activities and engagement at Codex, the OIE, and the IPPC
  - Formulate approaches to seek to resolve trade concerns

# SPS Responsibilities in Canada



# Characteristics of Canada's Coordination Mechanisms

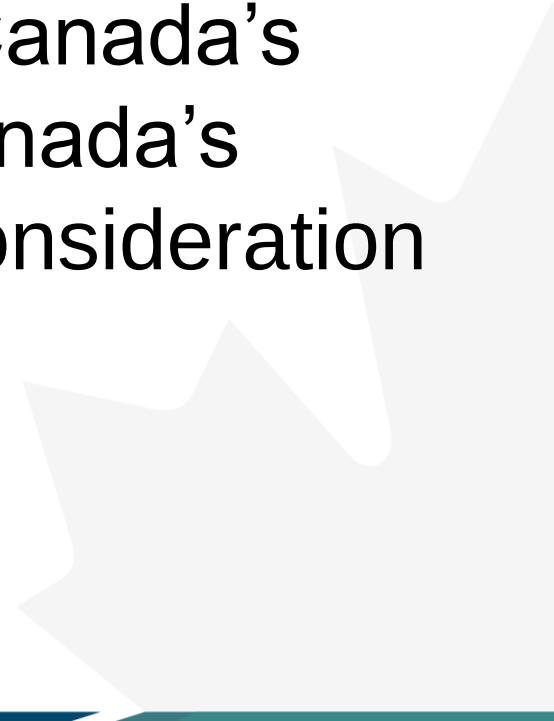
- Holistic approach to incorporate a broad range of views
  - Utilize formal and informal mechanisms that are flexible in order to address a wide range of topics
  - Include regulatory and trade policy experts
  - Include external stakeholders' perspectives – industry, academia, and consumers
  - Adaptive to evolving priorities in international trade
  - Consult with trading partners, as appropriate
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# Example: SPS Committee Preparations

- Canada's approach to the WTO SPS Committee meeting undergoes a rigorous consultation process
- Regular consultations are held with technical and trade policy experts to achieve consensus on:
  - Policy work
  - Bilateral meetings held on the margins of the WTO
  - Interventions to raise during the formal meeting.
- Detailed meeting report is used for information sharing following the Committee meeting.

# Outcome

- Through National SPS Coordination Mechanisms Canada's SPS positions and strategies are consistent with Canada's regulatory approach, reflect Canada's trade interests, and take into consideration stakeholder perspectives



# Questions?

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