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The terms 'Agreement on Agriculture', 'Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measure' and 'Peace Clause' appear in the news frequently in the context of the affairs of the (a) Food and Agriculture Organization (b) United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (c) World Trade Organization (d) United Nations Environment Programme
Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Food and Agriculture Organization. FAO deals with food security and Codex, not the WTO trio of **AoA**, **SPS** and the **Peace Clause**.

(b)

(b) United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change. UNFCCC is climate treaties, not farm-trade agreements. (The stem's wording is UNFCCC-like; it is still the wrong forum.)

(c) Official key

(c) World Trade Organization. The Agreement on Agriculture, the **SPS** Agreement and the '**peace clause**' on farm subsidies are WTO texts and disputes. That is the official key.

(d)

(d) United Nations Environment Programme. UNEP is environment, not these trade instruments.

Summary

Official key is (c) World Trade Organization. **AoA** and **SPS** are WTO agreements; the **peace clause** is a WTO understanding on farm-subsidy disputes. FAO, UNFCCC and UNEP use other legal kits. Only WTO owns this vocabulary.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

AoA

WTO Agreement on Agriculture, 1995

SPS

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement

Peace clause

Due restraint on disputes over certain farm subsidies

Bali 2013

Interim peace clause on public stockholding

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