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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Communication from Canada

The following communication, received on 15 March 2010, is being circulated at the request of Canada.

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1. Canada would like to provide an update to its submission made at the February 2007 meeting with regard to technical assistance. Canada submits the following compilation of technical assistance provided to developing countries between January 2007 and December 2007, in accordance with Article 9 of the *Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures* (see attached table¹). The assistance was primarily aimed at facilitating countries' adjustment to and compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary measures in their export markets and to improve their capacity in developing and implementing their SPS measures based on sound science. The attached table may not constitute a complete compilation of all relevant technical assistance delivered given the number of Canadian government departments and agencies and the variety of delivery programs involved.
 2. The monetary value of the technical assistance committed amounted to over CDN \$38 million between January and December 2007. It should be noted that, in many cases, the organizations providing the assistance also made additional in-kind contributions to projects.
 3. Assistance was provided to 24 Member, Observer and other countries, in Central America, the Caribbean, South America, the Asia-Pacific region, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Assistance was directed to both individual countries and groups of countries.
 4. In 2007, Canada contributed CDN\$11 million to the Global Programme for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Control and Eradication. This programme is a multi-donor fund to assist affected and at-risk regions in Africa, and elsewhere, develop and implement strategies for the prevention and control of HPAI in order to prevent losses of poultry raisers and safeguard rural economies, health and safety.
 5. In addition, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in association with Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS) / United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hosted the 9th World Meat Hygiene and Inspection Congress held from June 3 to June 6, 2007 in Niagara Falls, Canada.
 6. Canada's assistance addressed three of the four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206: information; training; and "soft" infrastructure development (but not "hard" infrastructure

¹ One table is attached identifying technical assistance committed to developing countries on a calendar basis in 2007.

development). Assistance from Canada covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.

7. In all, 29 projects are listed for the period January to December 2007 with the majority (55%) of projects related to food safety. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects but are only reported once and, when possible, in the year in which the project was initiated.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CANADA TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS AND OTHER COUNTRIES:
JANUARY 2007- DECEMBER 2007**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance	Provided to	Contact
Animal Health	Feasibility study to improve the knowledge in the Institute Pasteur of Algeria in term of diagnosis of the infectious animal diseases and their possible transmission to humans. The project aims at setting up a laboratory for reagents, vaccines and culture media at the Institute Pastuer of Algeria.	Soft Infrastructure development	Algeria	Gibert_Parent@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	Building on the results of the earlier emergency Avian Influenza (AI) project, the overall goal of the AI II project was to reduce the risk of a global AI pandemic emerging from Vietnam, through the development of domestic capacities to prevent and control diseases of epidemic potential affecting both humans and animals.	Training	Vietnam	Samuel_Matheson@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	The Soc Trang Herd and Crop Quality Improvement project focuses on improving the quality, value and profitability of animal and crop products in the province of Soc Trang. It addressed animal and crop variety and breed improvement performance recording systems, animal husbandry methods, and enhanced animal and crop production regimes. (2005-2010)	Training	Vietnam	Sarada_Leclerc@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	This project supported developing countries in their fight against Avian Influenza and other highly contagious animal diseases. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funding was directed to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) toward specific activities, including evaluating and strengthening veterinary services in developing countries; providing support for an Avian Influenza vaccine bank; and encouraging laboratory twinning activities to build capacity in developing country laboratories.	Training	All developing countries	Charles_Haines@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	An \$11 million contribution to the Global Programme for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Control and Eradication. This is a multi-donor fund to assist affected and at-risk regions in Africa and elsewhere develop and implement strategies for the prevention and control of HPAI in order to prevent losses of poultry raisers and safeguard rural economies and health and safety. (May 2007)	Funding	All developing countries	Charles_Haines@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health	Visit by two government officials from the Ministry of Fishery Industry, Government of Cuba to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) laboratory on lab diagnostics for fish and seafood products. (March 2007)	Information	Cuba	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Animal Health	Milk Production Processing and Marketing project to improve the production, collection processing and marketing of milk by dairy cooperatives. Improvement in the production of feed resources for cattle was one of the key work areas to increase milk production as well as improved health management of the cattle and associated sanitary issues on disease control. (2005-2008)	Training	Paraguay	Daniell_Mingay@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health	Final phase of the Integrated Pest Management through Farmers to improve livelihood of cooperative members by empowering farmers to integrate pest management as an approach to pest control that is environmentally and economically sound. This is intended to reduce crop damage, increase family incomes and broaden application of sustainable agricultural techniques.	Training	Asia & Middle East	Otilia_Puiggros@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health	Plant and post-harvest protection and pest control: Provision of specialized advisory services for the agencies of the Government of Ghana as well as for CIDA project planning, monitoring and evaluation. Specialized services include agronomy, agriculture economics, rural development, marketing, land tenure, gender, environment and other advisory support as required.	Information	Ghana	Melanie_Lambert@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health	The CFIA hosted a visit from an Indian delegation to share information on biotechnology. Funded under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) / World Bank (WB) Capacity Building Project on Biosafety, the main activities of the project were focused on the identification, regulation and management of the risks derived from the trans-boundary release and utilisation of LMOs, to mitigate adverse risks to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account potential risks to human health. (January 2007)	Information	India	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Development and in-kind support to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) towards the development of a training course in plant health risk analysis for the Government of India. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) partially funded development of training materials by the CFIA for IPPC pest risk analysis training course and subsequent delivery of a one week pilot in Chennai, India in March 2007 by CFIA. In 2007, training materials were further refined by CFIA and presented to the IPPC Secretariat and Commission on Phytosanitary Measures. Four training manuals, i.e., a Participants Manual, Instructor's Manual, Presentations & Speaker's Notes, and an Exercise Book, are now available on-line at www.ippc.int. Information on the available training has been provided to all IPPC-member countries. (March 2007)	Training	India	Lesley.Cree@inspection.gc.ca

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Plant Health	Plant and post-harvest protection and pest control to provide training to enhance capacity, skills and crop production.	Training	Sri Lanka	Linda_Libront@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Plant Health	Pesticide Management and Regulation Standards. A multi-year project aimed to reinforce the norms, policies and practices related to the use of pesticides in Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay. In Chile, the project supports the capacities of the Ministry of Health, of the Ministry of Agriculture as well as other government agencies to establish norms and monitoring practices for a more sustainable use of pesticides in the agricultural and domestic sectors. In Uruguay and Paraguay, the project contributes to establishing the structures and mechanisms necessary to foster cooperation between the various public and private sector institutions involved with pesticides use and to increase the awareness of pesticide users to the risks related with the use of pesticides. (2003-2007)	Training	Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay	NB Research & Productivity Council
Food Safety	With the assistance of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) a Chilean delegation visited the CFIA to review CFIA's management structure as a model for consideration by Chile as part of the Chilean government modernization process. (July 2007)	Information	Chile	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	With the assistance of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) a Colombian delegation from the National Institute for Food and Drug Monitoring (INVIMA) visited Canada for one week and received presentations in Montreal and Ottawa from CFIA and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) officials regarding import-export inspection services and laboratory support for agricultural commodities and food products. (July 2007)	Information	Colombia	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	USDA-funded CFIA speaker to Codex Outreach Program Biotech workshop in Paraguay to deliver a presentation on Codex provisions relating to biotech labelling. (September 2007)	Information	Paraguay	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	One week information session for a Malaysian delegation about Canada's food safety system, including principles of risk assessment, risk management and risk communication, the responsibilities and involvement of stakeholders for food safety from farm to table. (July 2007)	Information	Malaysia	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Study tour to Canada by Government officials from the Royal Thai Government. Focus was an overview of Canada's pre-market (investigative product testing and special access programs) and Canada's post-marketing activities (compliance and enforcement) for fish and seafood product. (September 2007)	Information	Thailand	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Food Safety	A Vietnamese delegation visited Canada to gain information on Canada's approach to food safety. Presentations were made by members of the Canadian agriculture portfolio and food safety portfolio including AAFC, CFIA, Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). (October 2007)	Information	Vietnam	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (with FSIS/USDA) hosted the 9th World Meat Hygiene and Inspection Congress (WMHIC) held June 3 – 6, 2007 in Niagara Falls.	Information	Global	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	In-kind support to an FAO/WHO training workshop on the Codex Alimentarius for the African region held in Rabat, Morocco from 20-22 January, 2007, prior to the Codex regional coordinating for Africa (CCAFRICA) meeting. Fifty (50) participants funded by the Codex Trust Fund, representing 36 countries, were involved in the workshop. The objective of this training was to better equip participants to effectively participate in Codex meetings. (January 2007)	Training	Thirty-six (36) countries in the African region	Bertrand.Gagnon@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	USDA-funded CFIA speaker to Codex Outreach Program on Biotech workshop in Uganda on work done in Codex on the safety of foods derived from modern biotechnology. Presentation on background paper on the analysis of Codex food safety and labeling texts. (December 2007)	Information	Uganda	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Presentation to describe the Canadian meat inspection system at international symposium held in Kinshasa. (June 2007)	Information	D. R. Congo	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Canada provided guidance on the development of a food surveillance and monitoring mechanism to support food standard setting. This was through participation at an International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) – led workshop and the development of a paper on a surveillance and monitoring system for food safety for India. (February 2007)	Training	India	Samuel.Godefroy@hc-sc.gc.ca
Animal Health & Food Safety	Veterinarians from Paraguayan government visited with CFIA on a study tour focusing on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), traceability and laboratories. Study tour funded under the CIDA-funded, multi-year (2004-2009) Beef Production System in Uruguay and Paraguay project. In Paraguay the project supports the development and implementation of a cattle traceability system, implementing a HACCP system for the abattoirs and a carcass grading system for the meat industry. (October-November 2007)	Information	Paraguay	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Animal Health & Food Safety	Study tour to Canada for four officials from the South African Department of Agriculture to exchange information with AAFC and CFIA on governance as it relates to trade in agricultural commodities. Subject matter included regulatory development and enforcement in sanitary and phytosanitary measures in trade (November 2007)	Information	South Africa	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health & Food Safety	Contribution towards Agricultural Market Development Program (with other donors including WB) to create favourable conditions for the emergence of modern and competitive agriculture, nationally and internationally. These conditions include increasing and diversifying the supply of products, and improving distribution systems, infrastructure, and organizations supporting exports. (2007-2012)	Training	Senegal	Louise_Minville@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	A delegation of senior government officials from the Russian Academy of Public Administration visited Canada on a study tour human resource management (HRM). CFIA gave a presentation to the delegation on HRM at the Canadian enforcement agency responsible for animal health, plant health and food safety at the federal level. (Dec 2007)	Information	Russian Federation	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	CFIA participation as a speaker in the Mobilizing Aid for Trade: Latin America and the Caribbean workshop co-hosted by the Government of Peru, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the WTO with participation funded by CIDA. Presentation made at the "Effectiveness of SPS-related technical assistance in Central America and the Caribbean" workshop organized by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) of the WTO in Lima, Peru on the margins of the Aid for Trade meetings.	Information	Costa Rica; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Nicaragua; Panama; Peru	Rolf.Schoener@inspection.gc.ca