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SUMMARY OF THE REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Note by the Secretariat

Revision

1. At the 10-11 November 1999 meeting of the SPS Committee, agreed that the Summary of the replies to the questionnaire on technical assistance would be regularly updated. All Members were invited to submit information on their technical assistance activities by the end of February 2000 for inclusion in a revised document to be circulated for the March meeting.
2. The Secretariat received 2 additional replies to the questionnaire (Malawi and Malaysia) and a complement of information from Italy. Attached is a summary of the replies.

Technical assistance provided

FOOD SAFETY:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Australia	Seminars/workshops, mainly on HACCP; quality assurance; quality auditing; quality manual writing; food safety auditing and verification/validation; development of national laws and regulations; imported food and quarantine requirements; two regional workshops on comparison of Member's regulatory policies on the food/therapeutics interface; training of senior food inspectors of developing countries in risk analysis	Training (occasionally funding)	Asia Pacific; China; Indonesia; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Thailand; Vietnam
	Technical assistance for development of food laws and establishment of appropriate government infrastructure for food control systems; development of model for coordination between APEC member economies to enhance food control systems in the region; development of a Regional Directory of Food Trade Contacts; five-phase technical assistance programme for Thailand's Industrial Standards Institute and Food and Drug Administration on food safety auditing.	Technical assistance (occasionally funding)	
Argentina	Food safety inspection systems	Training/ technical assistance	Vietnam
Finland	Establishment of Quality Control Laboratory of Agricultural Products	Construction equipment, technical assistance and training	Egypt
France	Food safety management; fish and fish products hygiene; poultry meat hygiene; pigmeat hygiene; residues monitoring; traceability management; risk assessment; establishment of national regulatory bodies; establishment of control authorities; development of national laws and regulations; institution building in EC accession candidate countries	Training; technical assistance; technical expertise	Brazil; Chile; Gabon; Hungary; Madagascar; Morocco; Mexico; Tunisia; Poland; Romania; Slovenia
Germany	Development of national law and regulations; research; risk assessment; establishment of national regulatory bodies	Training; Advice; technical expertise	Developing countries

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Italy	Project of cooperation on drinkable salt water; processing technology; research; developing national law and regulation	Training; Technical expertise	China; India; Palestine (Gaza strip); Mediterranean countries
Netherlands	Seminars on SPS and quarantine procedures within the framework of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and its trade facilitation action plan. (Netherlands is the EC facilitator for SPS and quarantine procedures and the Asian counterparts are Thailand and China, PR)	Advice; sharing of experiences; partial funding	Asian ASEM members: Brunei; China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam
United Kingdom	Improvement of institutional and policy arrangements for sustainable and efficient management of public and private agricultural services of Forestry Policy; improvement of quality millet meal production; strengthening of policy strategy definition and institutional reform in respect of land, agriculture and development; support to the development of capacity in the agriculture sector policy analysis and formulation	Training; advice; equipment	Lesotho; Namibia; South Africa
Hong Kong, China	Nil		
Japan	Training of food safety specialists in Japan or abroad; inspection micro-organisms etc.; food safety administration; pesticide monitoring	Training; technical expertise; exchange of information	Several developing countries and Brazil; China; Philippines; Syria; Thailand; Turkey
Malaysia	HACCP and veterinary inspection; Food Quality Assurance; Establishment of meat inspection regulations and training of officers in meat inspection; Training course in Halal food production; Accreditation of meat and poultry plants; Drugs	Technical training; technical assistance; Expertise	Indonesia; Vietnam; Laos; Philippines; India; Argentina; Brazil; China; New Zealand; Australia; USA; IAEA
New Zealand	Mutual recognition agreements (MRA) for conformity assessment; risk analysis; food regulation (review and enhancement of existing food control and regulatory systems); promotion of Codex activities (in cooperation with FAO); assistance for Codex food standards workshop; Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA) generic food control systems project to assist Asian developing economies	Training; technical expertise; technical assistance; technical advice; grants	Asian developing economies: China; Cook Islands; Fiji; Indonesia; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; SE Asia; Samoa; Thailand; Vietnam
Panama	Nil		

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Slovak Republic	Nil		

ANIMAL HEALTH:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Australia	Training of quarantine personnel; development of diagnostic facilities; exchange of technical information on animal and plant health status and quarantine methodology; conduct of joint pest and disease surveillance and monitoring activities; consultancy on HACCP-based Quality Assurance systems; training on diagnostic techniques (including in the area of exotic animal diseases recognition) and surveillance; workshops on import risk analysis; policy development and risk analysis in animal quarantine; infrastructure development; institution strengthening; provision of equipment; development of legislation; operational requirements and aquatic health for quarantine officers; training of Bluetongue scientists.	Training (occasionally funding)	Thailand; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; China; Indonesia; Vietnam; Malaysia; Asia Pacific
	Provision of infrastructure support to quarantine and animal and plant health services to facilitate disease diagnosis; technical assistance to the Singapore horse racing industry in relation to imports and exports; technical assistance to fish exporters and government certifying officers in south east Asia; development of a pilot project on electronic export certification of traded animal, fish and plant commodities (SANCRIT); development of technical guidelines on quarantine and health certification, and establishment of information systems for the movement of live aquatic animals in Asia; transfer of technology regarding laboratories diagnostic capacities.	Technical assistance (occasionally funding)	
	Funding for an animal disease emergency management evaluation and training programme in Indonesia; funding of training modules for Chinese quarantine officials on Bluetongue; harmonisation of quarantine standards; improvement of office and communication facilities for quarantine and animal health authorities.	Funding	
Argentina	Diagnosis, control and eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease	Technical assistance and training	Bolivia; Colombia; Trinidad and Tobago
Finland	Nil		

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
France	Animal health/notifiable diseases management; risk assessment; establishment of national regulatory bodies; establishment of epidemiological networks/information systems; emergency plans; laboratory procedures; laboratory accreditation; development of national laws and regulations; veterinary medicines approval monitoring; institution building in EC accession candidate countries	Training; technical expertise;	Hungary; Morocco; Tunisia; Poland; Romania; Slovenia
Germany	Development of national laws and regulations; research; risk assessment; establishment of national regulatory bodies	Training; advice; technical expertise	Developing countries
Italy	Risk assessment; processing technology; research; several workshops/courses for veterinarians especially dealing with Brucellosis, including a round visit to MZCP Member countries (Turkey, Syria and Lebanon in 1996 and Saudi Arabia and Egypt in 1997) for the engineering and implementation of a Brucellosis Epidemiological Surveillance System and a Joint WHO-IZSAM Workshop on integrated human and animal brucellosis surveillance, held in Italy in 1997	Training; advice; technical expertise	Brazil; Bulgaria; Costa Rica; Cyprus; Egypt; Greece; Iran; Lebanon; Saudi Arabia; South Africa; Syria; Tunisia; Turkey
Netherlands	Seminars on SPS and quarantine procedures within the framework of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) and its trade facilitation action plan. (Netherlands is the EC facilitator for SPS and quarantine procedures and the Asian counterparts are Thailand and China)	Advice; sharing of experiences; partial funding	Asian ASEM members: Brunei; China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam
United Kingdom	Strengthening of management and operation regarding wildlife in national parks; environmental impact assessment of veterinary fences; control and eradication of contagious diseases; development of animal health and production policies; promotion of the integration of wildlife and livestock and maximisation of the sustainable use of rangelands; advise on disease control; improvement of the provision of animal health care; training on agriculture services; provision of basis for the upgrading of laboratory procedures and facilities to comply with EC meat hygiene regulations and boost export earnings	Training; Technical assistance; funding; capacity building	Botswana; Lesotho; Namibia; South Africa; Swaziland
Hong Kong, China	Nil		
Japan	Research on Hog Cholera; research on Brucellosis; Tuberculosis and Newcastle Disease; research of parasitical disease; improvement of diagnostic methods for infectious disease; testing and certifying veterinary drugs; development of national regulations	Training; technical expertise; equipment; advice	Brazil; Indonesia; Mexico; Syria; Thailand; Uruguay

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
New Zealand	Animal health risk analysis; animal health workshops for government veterinarians on risk management and certification procedures for meat exports to the EC	Courses; workshops; advice; technical expertise;	Botswana; Indonesia; 11 Southern Africa Development Community Countries
	<u>Joint animal health and plant health actions:</u> establishment of quality assurances systems; assistance for plant and animal quarantine; appraisal and upgrading of quarantine services and assistance with infrastructure, equipment and human resource development; short term attachment for quarantine officers to New Zealand customs and agriculture agencies; assistance to protection of agricultural production from foreign pests and diseases and to facilitate the export of animal and plant products	grants; technical support equipment; training; plant and equipment	China; Cook Islands; Secretariat of the Pacific Community/ Pacific Region; Solomon Islands; Vanuatu
Panama	Nil		
Slovak Republic	Nil		
Thailand	Risk assessment; processing technology; infrastructure; establishment of national regulatory bodies	Training; advice; technical expertise; donation; grants	Laos; Cambodia

PLANT HEALTH:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Australia	Training for quarantine officers; clearance inspection; fumigation; preparation of export documentation; preparation of plant quarantine and pesticides legislation; development of quarantine manuals; risk analysis; training on SPS and TBT Agreements as well as on the IPPC; plant pest and disease disinfestation treatments for fruits, vegetables and grains.	Training (occasionally funding)	Asia Pacific; China, P.R.; Cook Islands; Ethiopia; Indonesia; Iran; Marshal Islands; Micronesia; New Caledonia; Pacific Island nations; Korea; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Solomon Islands; Samoa; Thailand; Tonga; Vanuatu.
	Compilation of scientific information to facilitate exports of developing countries; monitoring, recording and reporting diseases and pest risks; development of quarantine processes; national workshops dealing with certain commodities of export interest to some developing countries; capacity building in risk analysis and for plant pests and diseases.	Technical assistance (occasionally funding)	
	New Technologies for Plant Quarantine Management; specialist training course on detection techniques using molecular biology.	Funding	

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Argentina	Plant quarantine	Technical assistance, Training and support	Trinidad and Tobago
Finland	Nil		
France	Development of national law and regulations; laboratory procedures; border control and survey: organization and procedures; training of phytosanitary inspectors in border points and laboratories; institution building in EC's accession candidate countries;	Training and Technical expertise	Bulgaria; Egypt; Hungary; Latvia; Lithuania; Madagascar; Morocco; Poland; Tunisia
Germany	Development of national law and regulations; research; risk assessment; establishment of national regulatory bodies	Training; Advice; technical expertise	Developing countries
Netherlands	Seminars on SPS and quarantine procedures within the framework of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) and its trade facilitation action plan. (Netherlands is the EC facilitator for SPS and quarantine procedures and the Asian counterparts are Thailand and China)	Advice; sharing of experiences; partial funding	Asian ASEM members: Brunei; China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Vietnam
United Kingdom	Weed control techniques and establishment of communal grazing associations; accountable grant with UPOV for costs related to a plant breeders seminar	Training; funding	Southern Africa Region
Hong Kong, China	Nil		
Japan	Disinfestation technology for oriental fruit fly and melon fly infested mangoes; disinfestation technology for medfly infested Pitaya; establishment of research infrastructure	Training; technical expertise; equipment; donations	Argentina; Brazil; Colombia; Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Fiji; Indonesia; Mexico; Pakistan; Peru; Tonga; Sri Lanka
New Zealand	Assistance for travel costs and professional fees incurred by the Pacific Plant Protection Organization; assessment of phytosanitary needs and priorities of developing countries; assistance in the construction of a High Temperature Forced Air plant; visit of specialist to Secretariat of the Pacific Community to monitor and discuss plant protection activities	Grant; technical support equipment; training; advice	Secretariat of the Pacific Community/Asia Pacific Region; South Pacific Region; Tonga
Panama	Nil		

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided to:
Slovak Republic	Nil		

Technical assistance requested

FOOD SAFETY

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Requested from:
Malawi	Request for consultancy/assistance on establishment of Enquiry Point (request to the Finnish Standards Association – technical assistance not provided (Malawi was requested to meet expenses of consultancy, but could not do it)	Advice; technical expertise; training;	Finnish Standards Association
	Project proposal for assistance to strengthen Enquiry Point – technical assistance tentatively agreed, but waiting for final answer	Advice; technical expertise; training; equipment	ITC

ANIMAL HEALTH:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Requested from:
Thailand	Development of animal disease control and diagnostic techniques (risk assessment, research); dairy farming development (processing technology); improved methods in diagnosis epidemiology, economic and information management (risk assessment, research); genetic improvement of Thai beef cattle and buffaloes (processing technology and research); regional coordination unit for the control of FMD in Southeast Asia (risk assessment; enquiry point; infrastructure). Requested technical assistance has been provided and completed, or is ongoing.	Technical expertise; equipment; donations; advice; training; grants	Japan; Australia; OIE

Technical assistance received

FOOD SAFETY:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided by:
Malawi	Implications for export products and their packaging	Advice; technical expertise; TBT/SPS workshop	ITC
	Understanding TBT and SPS Agreements	Advice; technical expertise; workshop	ITC
	Operation of Enquiry Points and National Notification Authority	Advice; technical expertise; workshop	ITC
	Application of the SPS Agreement and establishment and operation of SPS Enquiry Point	Advice; technical expertise; regional seminar	WTO
Malaysia	Seminar on food-borne parasitic, zoonosis, current problems, epidemiology, food safety and control; Diagnostic technology of disease of food animals; Processing technology of meat products for export to Near East countries; Processing of Chinese and Western style meat; Training course on quality control in processed foods; Sanitary inspections program of slaughterhouse/processing facilities; Accreditation of meat and poultry processing plants; Accreditation of pig and poultry farms; Food sanitation programme	Technical expertise; credits; training	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); FAO; Dept. of Aids to Foreign Countries, China; Rep. of Korea; Singapore
Nigeria	Two days workshop on SPS Agreement	Lectures; technical expertise	WTO Secretariat
	Lectures to relevant government agencies; manufacturers; importers; exporters; pre-shipment agencies; foreign embassies	Lectures	Nigeria National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
Thailand	Regional symposium on Genetically Modified Foods: benefits and awareness; risk assessment	Technical expertise; training	International Life Science Institute (ILSI)
	Project for food sanitation of food sanitation activities (1995 to 1999); strengthening food control infrastructure programme (1997 to 1999)	Human resource development; technical expertise; training tools and equipment; grants	Japan - International Cooperation Agency; FAO

ANIMAL HEALTH:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided by:
Argentina	Technical assistance provided in the framework of Project ALA 143/93 European Community-Mercosur	Advice; training and technical equipment	European Community

PLANT HEALTH:

Country	Summary of main technical assistance subjects/actions:	Form of assistance:	Provided by:
Argentina	Technical assistance provided in the framework of Project ALA 143/93 European Community-Mercosur	Advice; training and technical equipment	European Community
Thailand	Plant Biotechnology Product Development Centre; workshop on the use of DNA technologies in biodiversity, plant breeding and biosafety; risk assessment	Grants; glasshouse for field trials of transgenic plants; technical expertise; training	Rockefeller Foundation; International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB); Crawford Fund for International Agricultural Research; UNIDO; UNEP