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COMMUNICATION FROM CHILE

The following communication, received on 25 April 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

1 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES, AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK SERVICE (SAG)

1.1. The Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG), in line with the country's international cooperation policies developed by the Chilean Agency for International Cooperation (AGCI), has given priority to work with other countries in the region, mainly those of Central America, the Andean Community, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), in the areas of phytosanitary certification, border controls, electronic certification and agricultural policy. It has promoted triangular cooperation activities with Belize, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) and CARICOM, which have been financed by the European Union and the United States. Work has also begun to foster and support other geographical areas, including cooperation projects in Fiji and Mozambique.

1.2. The projects in which the SAG is participating, whether in their implementation or as a technical partner, are detailed below.

1.1 TRIANGULAR PROJECTS BY THE CHILEAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (AGCID) AND THE SAG

1.3. **Triangular project with Honduras and the United States:** Project in progress, financed by the United States along with SAG partner technical institutions and the Chilean Exporters Association (ASOEX) and entitled "Institutional strengthening of the National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA) in Honduras with a view to establishing a public-private system for phytosanitary inspection and certification, and the safety of agricultural foods for export". The objective of the project is to build the capacities of the SENASA in Honduras, in conjunction with the private sector, in order to create a national system for phytosanitary inspection and the safety of agricultural foods for export.

1.4. **Triangular project with Guatemala and the United States:** Financed by the United States and managed by the AGCID. The project, which is entitled "Institutional strengthening of the Integrated Programme to Protect Agriculture and the Environment (PIPAA)", aims to support the development of a national system for the phytosanitary inspection and certification of agricultural exports from Guatemala.

1.5. Secretariat of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

- **Triangular project with Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Antigua and Barbuda:** Completed in 2016, entitled "Building up the OECS countries' knowledge of international standards relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures".

1.6. Chile-Mexico Cooperation Fund

- **"Cooperation for the implementation of electronic plant and animal health certification in Central America"**. Completed in 2016.
- **"Strengthening of computer systems supporting the interchange of electronic data, with a view to implementing electronic plant and animal health certification between Chile and Mexico"**. Project due to be completed in 2017.
- **Improvement of the surveillance system for Huanglongbing (*Candidatus spp.*) and its vector (*Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama), and spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*) in Chile, and the European grapevine moth (*Lobesia botrana*) and tomato leafminer (*Tuta absoluta*) in Mexico, through the exchange of technical assistance**. Project approved in 2016.
- **"Strengthening of the regulatory systems in Mexico and Chile"**. Project approved in 2016.

1.7. **Project with South Korea:** Project financed by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the AGCID, entitled "Course on pest risk analysis (PRA) in agriculture and the establishment of phytosanitary import requirements, for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean", planned for mid-2017.

1.8. **Triangular project with Chile and El Salvador to provide support to Belize:** Project in progress, financed by the AGCID and El Salvador, entitled "Chile-El Salvador, triangular project to support the agricultural sector in Belize" by strengthening the technical capacities of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA).

1.9. **Triangular project with Chile, Brazil and Suriname:** Project in progress, financed by the AGCID and Brazil, and entitled "Assistance for agricultural health and the safety system in Suriname". The project aims to establish a system that focuses primarily on preventing food contamination, through capacity building for surveillance and control.

1.2 BILATERAL PROJECTS

1.10. **Cuba:** Project approved, not including activities, and financed by the European Union. The project aims, *inter alia*, to ensure food security for the population in both qualitative and quantitative terms, increase the availability of safe food of animal origin, and raise levels of animal health with regard to avian influenza and classical swine fever.

1.11. **Mozambique:** Project in progress, financed with UNDP resources ("Chile Fund"), approved in 2015 and entitled "Implementation of a national food safety programme for the diagnosis, control and mitigation of natural mycotoxins in foods for human and animal consumption". The project aims to develop food safety programmes to improve the safety and quality of food for human consumption, particularly grain, cereals, nuts and dairy products, by implementing systems to diagnose and control natural mycotoxins with a high incidence in the region.

1.12. **Multilateral project with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):** Inter-regional project (INT5154) in progress, financed by the IAEA and entitled "Improving Food Safety through the Creation of an Interregional Network that Produces Reliable Scientific Data Using Nuclear and Isotopic Techniques". The project aims to improve and expand the analytical capacities of participating countries in the area of food safety, and strengthen programmes to control residues in livestock and agriculture.

1.13. **Fiji:** Project in progress, financed with UNDP resources ("Chile Fund"), approved in 2015, and entitled "Strengthening the institutions responsible for inspection and certification of agricultural and livestock products, and for coordinating the national food safety system in Fiji". The project aims to develop the procedures to control animal diseases (tuberculosis and brucellosis), improve the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) control programme, lay the foundations for organic certification, and enhance the analysis of residues and/or contaminants in food, in accordance with existing capacities in Fiji.

1.3 SAG/FAO PROJECTS

1.14. **Nicaragua:** Project financed by FAO Nicaragua, entitled "Assessment of technical and technological capabilities of prioritized IPSA Laboratories in Nicaragua". The aim of the project is to assess the technical capabilities of IPSA's national and regional prioritized laboratories and identify training and technology needs for implementing the Quality Management System (QMS).

1.15. The tables below summarize the cooperation activities carried out in 2016:

1.16. The first table indicates the missions conducted by the SAG in recipient countries, and the second shows the missions hosted by the SAG for recipient countries.

1.17. The tables contain columns indicating the basis for the activity in question, its objective, the SAG division involved, the recipient country, and the month of implementation.

1.18. In the column with the heading "Division involved", "Lo Aguirre" refers to the laboratory and quarantine station, while "DPP" stands for the Livestock Protection Division, "DPAF" for the Agricultural and Forestry Protection Division, "DAI" for the International Affairs Division, and "DN" for the National Directorate.

MISSIONS CONDUCTED - COOPERATION 2016

Basis for activity	Objective	Division involved	Recipient country	Month
Project	Technical visit on residue analysis	Lo Aguirre	Angola	March
Project	Closure of project	DPP/E-Cert	Costa Rica	November
Project	Technical assessment	DAI	Fiji	July
Project	Relaunch of project	DAI	Honduras	March
Project	Verification of the implementation and functioning of the national phytosanitary certification system	DPAF	Honduras	November
Request by country	Identification of the main challenges faced by the National Health, Food Safety and Agrifood Quality Service (SENASICA), and proposals as to how to address them	DN/ DPP	Mexico	December
Project	Training, sampling and analysis mission in the form of a training seminar on food safety for professionals and technicians from Mozambique	Lo Aguirre	Mozambique	March
Project	Training programme and presentation at a national seminar for food safety professionals and technicians, and a workshop on quality assurance given by the Agricultural Research Institute of Mozambique (IIAM)	Lo Aguirre	Mozambique	September
Project	Training for IIAM officials on the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), liquid chromatography, quality control of analytical testing, sampling, preparation, analysis, and support for the creation and implementation of the national programme on the control of mycotoxins and residues	Lo Aguirre	Mozambique	October
Project	Follow-up to the briefing on the internal project one year later	Lo Aguirre	Nicaragua	October
Request by country	Training on agricultural quarantine entomology for laboratory analysts	DAI	Panama	November
Project	Capacity building and awareness-raising seminar for institutional authorities, producers, industries, and multilateral agencies	DPP	Suriname	December

MISSIONS HOSTED - COOPERATION 2016

Basis for activity	Objective	Division involved	Recipient country	Month
Project	Applications using liquid chromatography for the determination of residues in animal tissue and mycotoxins in grain and animal feed	Lo Aguirre	Angola	June
Request by country	Experience in handling the parasitoid <i>Selitrichodes neseri</i> for the biological control of eucalyptus gall wasp	DPAF	Argentina	December
Project	Training on pest risk analysis	Lo Aguirre	Antigua and Barbuda	April
Request by country	Training on the implementation of ISPM 15	Lo Aguirre	Costa Rica	May
Project	Preparation of samples for the analysis of mycotoxins in animal feed and in animal livers (grinding, extraction, purification, concentration), calibration curves and fortification. Preparation of reagents and media, chromatography. Handling of Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) cartridges	Lo Aguirre	Mozambique	June
Request by country	Implementation of the land-based application of pesticides and Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) relating to pesticides	DPAF	Panama	September
Request by country	Training on the diagnosis of Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC)	Lo Aguirre	Paraguay	July
Project	Training on pest risk analysis	Lo Aguirre	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	April
Project	Training on pest risk analysis	Lo Aguirre	Saint Lucia	April
Project	Detection of genetically modified organisms	Lo Aguirre	Belize	November
Request	Visit by the delegation from the South Korean QIA to become acquainted with the agricultural and forestry export and import system, the fruit fly programme, SAG veterinarians, and the certification process	DAI	South Korea	December