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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Cyprus

Addendum

Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement	Seminar	For all staff involved in the operation of the SPS Agreement in Cyprus	Please see additional information		
Food safety	Seminar	For health inspectors on inspection procedures	Please see additional information		
Animal health					
Plant health	Seminar on WTO/SPS implementation, action and use	Training for plant health inspectors on import and export inspection procedures	Please see additional information		
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Such information could include, inter alia, a more detailed description of the technical assistance required, any relevant background information on the reasons for the request, the possibility of using a regional approach to the provision of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organisations.)

Rights, Obligations and Practical Operation of the SPS Agreement

Seminar (2 days), training of the personnel of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism on the practical operation of the SPS Agreement.

Food safety

Seminar (2 days), training of health inspectors (engaged in the Food Safety field), on safety standards for food from animal origin and on the implementation of the proper procedures for ensuring food safety.

Plant health

Training of a bacteriologist on bacteria of quarantine concern. Extension of the present laboratory facilities and provision of appropriate glasshouse facilities for work on quarantine bacteria. Establishment of a database to ensure proper recording of interception.