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QUESTIONNAIRE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Submission by Costa Rica

Addendum

Technical assistance requirements: :					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operations of the SPS Agreement:	Political level Technical level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the WTO and the international trading system • Importance of the SPS Agreement in international trade • Introduction to the work of the CODEX and IPPC • Importance of the appropriate level of sanitary protection, non-discriminatory trade measures, analysis of settlement dispute cases relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures, work of the standard-setting bodies 	Courses/Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of provisions on transparency • Recognition of equivalence and regionalization • Harmonization of requirements • Risk analysis • Settlement dispute procedures • Analysis of disputes 	Soft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice in the establishment/revision of national regulations and their harmonization with international norms and guidelines Hard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of consumer education programmes with regard to sanitary and phytosanitary measures. Establishment of a database for the notification system 	To receive information on the regulations existing in Japan on the access of Costa Rican organic products	Organic farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonization of requirements • Revision/adjustment of our regulations and procedures with regard to organic products so as to facilitate their access to world markets
Food safety		Good agricultural practices for the producer: Systems of accreditation and certification of safe products			Regulatory framework for the production, processing, and marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables
Animal health					

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Plant health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk analysis 2. Quarantine treatments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems of phytosanitary certification of countries with which Costa Rica trades • Systems of inspection, quarantine treatments, epidemiological surveillance, risk evaluation • Training of technical experts in pest identification at points of entry 	<p>Soft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control and monitoring through GPS • Modernization of the plant quarantine services • Evaluation and improvement of the general and specific procedures of the plant quarantine services <p>Organization of the quarantine procedures</p> <p>Hard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installations of treatments <p>Installations for post-quarantine centres, greenhouses, etc.</p>		
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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 position of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organizations.)
