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Revision

Technical assistance requirements:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement:	Organization of a national information seminar on the implementation of the SPS Agreement and the application of its rules and principles and the various measures.	Training for government personnel concerned (Trade, Agriculture and Livestock, Health) on procedures for the notification of SPS measures.	IT equipment (PC and Internet connexion) for the Secretariat of the National Committee for International Trade Negotiations, so that it can serve as an enquiry point.	Technical and financial assistance to strengthen existing food safety and animal and plant health protection systems.	
Food safety	Information and awareness-raising seminar for government personnel and the private sector on SPS measures and the various aspects of food safety.	Technical capacity building for staff responsible for imported food safety control (in particular food additives and microbiological contaminants).	Upgrading of the Trade Ministry and Food Technology Institute (ITA) analysis laboratories and of the analysis and testing laboratory of the <i>Ecole Supérieure Polytechnique</i> in Dakar.	To strengthen systems for assessing food conformity with international standards. To ensure participation by Senegalese experts in FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission meetings.	Environmental labelling; HACCP assessment.
Animal health	Information and awareness-raising seminar for government personnel and the private sector on SPS measures and the various aspects of animal health.	Technical capacity building for staff in charge of health control and epidemiological surveillance and of control and/or certification laboratories.	Institutional support for bodies (ITA, Senegalese Agricultural Research Institute (ISRA), Inter-State School for Veterinary Sciences and Medicine (EISMV)) and departments in charge of control; strengthening of analysis, testing and surveillance infrastructure.	To ensure participation by Senegalese experts in meetings of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) in Paris.	HACCP assessment.
Plant health	Information and awareness-raising seminar for government personnel and the private sector on SPS measures and the various aspects of plant protection against pests, diseases and pathogens.	Technical capacity building for laboratory personnel responsible for analysing pesticide residues. Training in the development of plant protection systems.	Establishment of a centre to provide information on pesticides and regulations in force. Collection and centralization of data on MRLs for pesticides; drawing up of a list of authorized pesticides for market gardening and fruit farming.	To ensure participation by Senegalese experts in IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention) meetings in Rome. Certification of the CERES/Locustox Foundation's pesticide residue laboratories; accreditation of the <i>Ecole Supérieure Polytechnique's</i> analysis and testing laboratory.	Training in pesticide use for horticultural producers.

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