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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Mauritius

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	Improving the understanding and establishing an information centre on the SPS Agreement.	Workshops, seminars, training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practical operation of the SPS Agreement - Appropriate levels of protection, Equivalence, and the various specific aspects of the SPS Agreement - Pest Risk Analysis 	Computers, software programmes documents for the establishment of a database on SPS issues.	Risk analysis, assessment and management.	
Food safety	<p>1.Supporting information for a comprehensive international database of food safety law, food biosafety, regulation and other information data.</p> <p>2.Improving the understanding of the SPS Agreement and the work of international standard-setting organization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing performance requirements and quality assurance programmes. - Developing inspection, sampling and investigative procedures. - Technical training for HACCP auditors, technical sanitary officers and health officers. 	<p>Hard:</p> <p>1.Equipment for setting up of a modern Microbiology Laboratory and training of technicians to operate the Laboratory.</p> <p>2.Training in field of Food Microbiology/ Technology.</p> <p>3.Laboratory equipment to test genetically modified food.</p>	Improving capacity building of staff dealing with food in labs to carry out their assigned tasks. Technology transfer.	

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Food safety (cont'd.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attachment of Health Inspectors in Developed Countries in the field of foodstuffs inspection at Port and Airport area. - Refresher course on SPS/Food safety from international experts. - Visit to internationally recognized Food Microbiology Laboratory. 	<p>4. Need experts for knowledge and technical transfer in the laboratory methods and improving laboratories such as advance analytical techniques and quality assurance.</p> <p>Soft:</p> <p>1. SPS-related electronic software/media for consumers.</p> <p>2. Diagnostics and HACCP techniques.</p>		
Animal health	Information on diseases encountered at the regional and international levels. Development of electronic disease surveillance information system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice and Technical expertise - In-country and overseas training and participation in international meetings. - Technical visits to labs in advanced countries regarding animal quarantine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hardware and software to build a computerized veterinary management network throughout the country. - Capital goods necessary to set up an accreditation laboratory for animal/fishery products and training for the staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technology transfer. - Animal health management dealing with SPS Agreement. - Risk assessment for animal. 	

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Animal health (cont'd.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops, seminars and human resource training programmes and courses to consolidate the procedures and techniques of certification of animal/fishery products. - Training to veterinary officers in field of inspection of poultry at slaughter houses to strengthen the inspectorate team, approval of such slaughter houses and establishing appropriate regulations and norms. 			

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Plant health	<p>Conference/Seminars/ Workshops on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formulation/ recommendation on inspection strategies; - Design/set-up/ development of a Plant Quarantine pest database; - Developing a database system and a web-site for SPS notification body/enquiry point. <p>Providing of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitating contact with counterpart official services of trading partners; - FAO abridged manual of phytosanitary regulation. 	<p>Training on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant inspection, sampling, testing methods and treatment procedures; - In-country and overseas training in various field of SPS implementation, including scholarships; - Training on post-entry quarantine procedures. 	<p>Hard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training in Vapor Heat Treatment (VHT) and VHT equipment; - Equipment (monitoring and identification kits, camera, computers) (inclu. Accessories; and diagnosis tools) and related training; - Establishment of a biotechnology laboratory for disease diagnosis; - Establish the procedures and techniques required to accredit laboratories; - Create additional quarantine laboratories and provide them with necessary equipment. 	<p>Establishment of an electronic database on plant health in Mauritius; Facilitate the export of foodstuffs; Technology transfer; Plant Health management dealing with plant protection as covered in the SPS Agreement.</p>	

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Plant health (cont'd.)			Soft: - Development of a Plant Quarantine Operation Manual; - Establishment of system of procedure for PRA.		
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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.)
