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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Sri Lanka

Revision

Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement	Required	Required	Hard and soft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food - Regulations/Harmonization - Risk Analysis 	
Food safety	<p>Support for human resource capacity building – participation in SPS related training activities, activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission</p> <p>Assistance in establishing the national network for surveillance of food borne diseases</p>	<p>Within the framework of the technical assistance granted to developing countries by developed countries, some cooperation programmes with the Food Safety and Inspection Services of the USA or Canada would be useful in relation to inspection and certification of food commodities – including import and export</p> <p>Implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)</p> <p>Training of Sri Lankan Food Safety officials in the field of biotechnology</p> <p>Analysis techniques for GM products</p> <p>Workshops on risk assessment procedures</p>	<p>Assistance with identification and supply of laboratory equipment for analysis of pesticide residues in foods and detection of GM products (PCR)</p> <p>Computer and equipment for establishment of effective information system</p> <p>Inspection/sampling equipment</p>		

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Food safety (Cont'd)	Participation in conferences and workshops related to implementation of the provisions of SPS Agreement, particularly on transparency, equivalence, risk analysis, dispute settlement Strengthening of national infrastructure	Pesticide residue analysis methods and reference standards Training of trainers in food safety and inspection techniques On the job training in an established organization on transacting business related to implementation of SPS activities (human health)			
Animal health					
Plant health					

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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.)

1. Food Control Administration Unit of the Department of Health Services had been identified as the Enquiry Point for food safety and human health.
2. Basic facilities not available to establish and operate the Enquiry Point.
3. Officials identified for this activity neither have the knowledge nor information on these activities.
4. Hands-on training in a similar set up in other countries would be very useful.