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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Submission by Sri Lanka

Revision

<b>Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:</b>					
	<b>Information</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)</b>	<b>Specific concern</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement</b>	<p>Conducting of awareness programs (Conferences, Workshops, Seminars) to educate the purpose, activities, &amp; legal aspects of the SPS agreement. SPS Guide lines for reviewing regulations to par with - SPS &amp; Codex requirements.</p>	<p>Required</p> <p>Functions &amp; the legal aspects of the SPS agreement. Quarantine risk assessment and analysis on few important high risk items. Training on irradiation and other treatments of fruits &amp; vegetables for export</p>	<p>Hard and soft</p> <p>Guidance to establish of PQ policy branch to coordinate with international PQ organizations. Provide technical guideline software on scientific , Risk assessment.</p> <p>Updating of plant quarantine pest list (A1A2) under APPPC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food</li> <li>- Regulations/Harmonization</li> <li>- Risk Analysis</li> </ul> <p>Training on Diagnosing of genetically modified planting materials, human &amp; animal feed materials at entry points.</p> <p>Also PRA model application systems on importation of GMO &amp; LMOO</p>	

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<b>Food safety</b>	<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>Also PRA model application systems on importation of GMO &amp; LMOO</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>Training on current trends on improvement of G.M.O food items and their safety, PRA assessments</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> <p>Equipment &amp; use of such equipment for food safety assessments</p>		

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

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<b>Plant health</b>	Guidance & facilitation to promote workshops seminars on effective implementation of the SPS Agreement under practical situations in regional countries . Assistance to review & update plant health laws, regulations. Provision of other relevant information's	Assistance to conduct PRA on promotion of local fruit exports. Assistance to update & prepare PQ manuals in accordance with SPS requirements.	Assistance in developing production of antiserum for virus testing. SPS related electronic software on application of PRA.	Plant health management relevant to entry / exit quarantine subjected SPS agreement	

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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.