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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Submission by Barbados

Addendum

<b>Technical assistance requirements:</b>					
	<b>Information</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Infrastructure (Hard and/or Soft)</b>	<b>Specific Concerns</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information on the SPS Agreement especially within CARICOM and other developing countries</li> <li>2. Advice on the efficient setting up and functioning of a National Enquiry Point</li> <li>3. Development of operation manuals outlining standard operating procedures</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the implementation of the Articles of the Agreement, especially AOLP, Equivalence and S&amp;D</li> <li>2. Training in the interpretation of the rights obligations and practical application of SPS</li> <li>3. Training in negotiating skills, in an effort to enhance/build capacity in this area.</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy makers and senior management seem unaware of the gravity and potential impact of SPS especially as it relates to market access and trade</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of up-to-date legislative, regulatory and enforcement policies, in conformity with SPS rules and regulations</li> <li>2. Harmonization of legislation</li> </ol>
<b>Food safety</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. International standards for fish and fishery products especially within the EU</li> <li>2. Pesticides: MRL requirements in export markets, especially EU</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The construction, operation and management of modern fishing vessels to comply with international standards</li> <li>2. Risk Analysis of pesticides. Establishment of a database on registered pesticides and those banned or restricted</li> <li>3. Risk Analysis for physical, chemical and microbiological hazards in food – food microbiologist</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrading of fish handling sites/infrastructure that meet international standards</li> <li>2. Inspection of imported food for pesticide residues. New legislation that allows for standards on MRLs in food</li> <li>3. Food Act and Legislation food regulations</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compliance with EU directives that allow for export of fish and fishery products into that market</li> <li>2. Developing legislative and technical authority to regulate NRLs in domestic and imported food</li> <li>3. Analytical and technical competence to effectively police and regulate modern food legislation</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical Assistance in other areas of fisheries, e.g. HACCP, SOP and SSOP for fish handlers, processors retailers</li> <li>2. Pesticide Unit Inspectorate Manual</li> <li>3. Establishment of a competent Authority for the certification of food imports and</li> </ol>

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		<p>4. Training of Laboratory staff in modern laboratory diagnostic techniques, analytical methods and quality control techniques</p> <p>5. Training in quality assurance, including sensory, chemical and micro-biological testing</p> <p>6. Training of Laboratory staff in general management, supervisory management and skills related to the management of laboratories</p> <p>7. Training for relevant personnel in modern food safety principles, including HACCP, veterinary meat inspection and inspection of physical facilities</p> <p>8. Ports of entry agricultural quarantine Training Division</p> <p>9. Development of food safety training</p>	<p>4. Upgrade of Codex contact point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory upgrade, ie.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Equipment</li> <li>(2) Methods</li> <li>(3) Technical capabilities</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Consumer education</li> </ul> <p>5. Establishment of a National Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency for Barbados</p> <p>6. Establishment of a risk analysis unit</p> <p>7. Strengthening of disease surveillance systems and development of emergency action response plan</p> <p>8. Assistance with achieving accreditation of the laboratories</p> <p>9. Upgrading of laboratories</p>		<p>exports</p> <p>4. Verification of food control systems</p> <p>5. Development of Quality Assurance Systems</p>

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		<p>programmes for the entire agro-community, in order to increase public awareness and increase the technical capacity in the area of food safety</p> <p>10. Development of national food handlers training and certification programme for the food industry and general public, in order to enhance general food handling standards</p>	<p>10. Assistance with procurement of modern laboratory equipment and supplies</p> <p>11. Development of efficient procurement procedure for laboratory equipment and supplies</p>		
<b>Animal health</b>		<p>1. Training in testing for animal diseases of trade and health significance</p> <p>2. Training in veterinary meat inspection, including red and white meat slaughterhouse inspection of physical facilities</p> <p>3. Training in Integrated Pest Control</p>			
<b>Plant health</b>	<p>1. Information on SPS Committee meeting outcomes</p> <p>2. Participation in ICPM deliberations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ISPM Implementation</li> <li>- PRA</li> <li>- Biosafety and Biosecurity</li> <li>- Determination of appropriate levels of protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Plant Protection Legislation</li> <li>- Plant Biosecurity legislation</li> <li>- Laboratory upgrade</li> <li>- Modern diagnostic techniques</li> <li>- Manual of methods, procedures, treatment and</li> </ul>	<p>1. The establishment of an official National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO)</p>	<p>1. Methods and procedures dealing with raw import trade in fresh fruits, vegetables and other plant products</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equivalences</li> <li>- Enquiry point set-up and operation</li> </ul>	inspection for local quarantine officials 1. Establishment of a National Plant Protection Organisation 2. Establishment of an Integrated Plant Protection Organisation		
<b>Contact details</b>					

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 organizations.)*

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