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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Saudi Arabia

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	Seminar - Rights and obligations	Workshop – Practical operation of the SPS Agreement			
Food safety	Providing of: - Regular information on international legislation and regulations - Facilitate communication with the international bodies all over the world in the field of food and consumer protection - Technical assistance to form an enquiry centre for information	- In-country training under supervision of international experts - Training in overseas countries on participation in international meetings - Technical visits to labs in advanced countries regarding food analysis	<u>Soft:</u> - Technical assistance on developing national food control strategies - Control and inspection - Laboratory practice - Risk assessment - Diagnosis techniques - HACCP techniques <u>Hard:</u> - GMOs - Veterinary drugs residues (i.e. hormones, antibiotics) - Contaminants (i.e. Dioxin, pesticides), pathogens (cholera)	Development of staff dealing with food in labs to carry out their assigned tasks	
Animal health	Regular information on international legislation and regulations	- In-country training under supervision of international experts - Training in overseas countries on participation in international meetings - Technical visits to labs in advanced countries regarding animal quarantine			

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Plant health	Providing of: - Regular information on international legislation and regulations - FAO abridged manual of phytosanitary regulation - Facilitating contact with counterpart official services of trading partners	- In-country training under supervision of international experts - Training in overseas countries on participation in international meetings - Technical visits to labs in advanced countries regarding plant quarantine/protection	Procurement of scientific equipment and facilities for labs specialized in: - Residue analysis at main point of entry - Plant virology at the key locations	Development of staff dealing with food in labs to carry out their assigned tasks	
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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.)

Plant and Animal Health

Training: Should be given at the GCC regional level, to phytosanitary inspectors, veterinarians and technical support staff, this is essential for meeting the needs and challenges of the changing international role of animal and quarantine activities. Bi-annual and annual training can be foreseen in-country and overseas, respectively.

Residues analysis labs: Equipment and facilities at six main points of entry, namely: Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam, Al Haditha, Halat Ammar and Tiwal.

Plant virology labs: At three key locations: Jeddah (West), Dammam (East) and Al Haditha (North).

Food safety

Training: Should be given at the GCC regional level, to phytosanitary inspectors, veterinarians, technical support staff and food safety officials. This is essential for meeting the needs and challenges in the field of food safety and consumer protection. Bi-annual and annual training can be foreseen in-country and overseas, respectively.

Food animal labs: Equipment and facilities at ten main points of entry, namely: Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam, Halat Ammar, Al Haditha, Jazan, Al Jubail, Bathah Salwa, Jadidat Arar and SASO Laboratories.