

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
PROVIDED BY CANADA**

Communication from Canada

The following communication, received on 23 February 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

1. Canada would like to provide an update to its submission made at the October 2006 meeting with regard to technical assistance (G/SPS/GEN/728). Canada submits the following compilations of technical assistance provided to developing countries between January 2005 and December 2006, in accordance with Article 9 of the *Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures* (see attached table¹). The assistance was primarily aimed at facilitating countries' adjustment to, and compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary measures in their export markets and to improve their capacity in developing and implementing their SPS measures based on sound science. The attached table may not constitute a complete compilation of all relevant technical assistance delivered given the number of Canadian government departments and agencies and the variety of delivery programs involved.
2. The monetary value of the technical assistance committed to amounted to over CDN \$7.5 million between January 2005 and December 2006. It should be noted that, in many cases, the organizations providing the assistance also made additional in-kind contributions to projects.
3. Assistance was given to 54 Member, Observer and other countries, in Central America, the Caribbean, South America, the Asia-Pacific region, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Assistance was directed to both individual countries and groups of countries or regional organizations such as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group.
4. In addition, in March 2005, Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the WTO over a contribution of CDN \$400,000 to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) to assist developing countries in improving their expertise and capacity to analyze and implement international SPS standards.
5. Canada's assistance addressed three of the four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206²: information; training; and "soft" infrastructure development (but not "hard" infrastructure development). Assistance from Canada covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed

¹ Two tables are attached identifying technical assistance committed to developing countries on an annual basis in 2005 and 2006.

² Technical Assistance Typology (18 October 2000).

under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.

6. In all, 15 projects are listed for the period January to December 2005 and ten for the period January to December 2006 with the majority of projects related to food safety. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects but are only listed for the year in which the project was initiated.

**Technical Assistance Provided by Canada to Members, Observers and Other Countries:
January 2005- December 2005**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme:	Form of Assistance:	Provided to:	Contact:
Animal Health	Multi-year (2005 - 2009) assistance to provide technical expertise on biosafety/biocontainment issues. (June and November 2005 field missions subsequent to initial expertise supplied in 2003)	Technical expertise	Kenya	schoenertr@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) workshop with in kind support from Canada held to address the practical application of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (<i>Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade</i>), particularly for developing and least-developed countries and to facilitate national ability to implement this standard. (28 February – 4 March 2005)	Training	Asian developing countries, unspecified	wolffg@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Canadian contribution to IPPC workshop aimed to develop capacity and strengthen international harmonization in the conduct of pest risk analysis (PRA). The workshop resulted in strengthened international partnerships, closer harmonization with international standards for PRA and improved understanding of PRA world wide. (May 2005 – January 2006)	Training	Global countries, unspecified	creel@inspection.gc.ca

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Plant Health	<p>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) – Research, Development and Extension of Agricultural Biotechnology (RDEAB) Workshop in Santiago, Chile on technical cooperation, capacity building in risk management and emerging issues in agricultural biotechnology to help build capacity in APEC economies for agricultural biotechnology. Two-day communications workshop on agricultural biotechnology followed by a five-day plenary session. Workshop discussed strategic communications planning, public engagement and consultation, media relations, web-based initiatives and, risk communications.</p> <p>(November 2005)</p>	Training	<p>APEC: Brunei Darussalam; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong-China, Indonesia; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Vietnam</p>	<p>bbilmer@inspection.gc.ca or william_yan@hc-sc.gc.ca</p>
Food Safety	<p>Workshop on Codex Alimentarius Commission to enhance the understanding and awareness in Latin American and Caribbean countries of Codex and the importance of effective participation in international food standard setting activities. Workshop held in San Jose, Costa Rica.</p> <p>(December 2005)</p>	Training	Latin American and Caribbean countries	<p>bgagnon@inspection.gc.ca</p>
Food Safety	<p>Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Food Safety Enhancement Program (FSEP) Audit training to public sector representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MAG), Government of Costa Rica.</p> <p>(23 April – 7 May 2005)</p>	Training	Costa Rica	<p>schoenertr@inspection.gc.ca</p>

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Food Safety	Five week technical advisory on all aspects of mushroom processing. (September/October 2005)	Training	Serbia and Montenegro	ashton_hughes@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Advanced Regional Workshop in Pretoria, South Africa (Africa Bio, International Life Sciences Institute [ILSI] organized under the Program for Biosafety Systems [PBS] coordinated by the International Food Policy Research Institute [IFPRI]) on genetically modified food safety assessment using case studies. (26-28 October 2005)	Training	Angola, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	william_yan@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Workshop on the development and implementation of regulatory tools (including labelling) in the area of food allergens. (June 2005)	Training	South Africa	samuel_godefroy@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Food Safety training modules. Development of training modules and customized workshops. (14 February 2005 – 31 March 2006)	Training	Ghana, Senegal	delicradovicg@agr.gc.ca
Food Safety	Agriculture-based project focused on public health (food safety), farm incomes (product value) and trade development (sanitary/phytosanitary export requirements and harmonization of quality and grades standards). Pilot and process testing activities relate to both improving practices in production and processing, and in product quality control and certification. (1 April 2005 – 1 September 2010)	Training	Vietnam	jeanne_corriveau@acdi-cida.gc.ca

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Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	<p>One week advisory session to the Government of Guatemala on the creation of a single window agency for animal health, plant health and food safety and one week follow up advisory six months later.</p> <p>(16-20 August 2005 and 28 February – 3 March 2006)</p>	Training	Guatemala	schoenertr@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	<p>Establishment of World Trade Organization (WTO)/ Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Notification Authority and Enquiry Point in Ukraine.</p> <p>(March 2005 and Feb/March 2006)</p>	Training	Ukraine	aspencer@scc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	<p>Facilitating Small Producer Access to High-Value Markets.</p> <p>Project to prepare eight case studies aimed to define a set of guiding principles to facilitate the participation of small-scale producers in supply chains to high-value markets for agricultural and food products, including exports to industrialized countries. SPS measures towards export certification may, among other issues, affect the market access of developing country producers.</p> <p>(November 2005 - November 2007)</p>	Research Information	Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe	eayuk@idrc.org.sn
Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	<p>Financial Contribution of CDN \$400,000 to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF).</p> <p>(October 2005 - 2008)</p>	Funding	Global	laura_griggs@acdi-cida.gc.ca

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January 2006- December 2006**

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Animal Health	Presentation at the Central Asia Disease Surveillance Workshop in Bishkek to provide guidance in support of efforts in regional disease surveillance for public and animal health authorities. (27-29 November 2006)	Training	Kyrgyz Republic	vallieresa@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Plant Health Risk Analysis Training Course Development and in kind support on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of a training course in plant health risk analysis for the Government of India. Training course based on pertinent International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards and sufficiently generic so that it could be delivered anywhere with country specific case studies or modules inserted for a specific audience. The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) funded development of training materials for IPPC pest risk analysis and delivery of a one week training course in India. (August 2006 with delivery of course in 2007)	Training	India	creel@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Workshops (2) to develop technical risk assessment criteria and risk management measures for the safe conduct of experimental field trials and unconfined environmental	Training	Burkina Faso	frys@inspection.gc.ca

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	release of transgenic plants. (November 2006 and February 2007)			
Plant Health	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) – Research, Development and Extension of Agricultural Biotechnology (RDEAB) workshop on Technical Cooperation, Capacity Building, Risk Assessment/Management and Emerging Issues in Agricultural Biotechnology to help build capacity in APEC economies for agricultural biotechnology. Following a five day plenary session, a two day capacity building workshop was held in Manila, Philippines on genetic resources and intellectual property rights. (November 2006)	Training	APEC: Brunei Darussalam; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong-China; Indonesia; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Vietnam	will_yan@hc-sc.gc.ca or bbilmer@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Two week training in internationally accepted laboratory diagnostics in veterinary drug residues for two laboratory technicians from the National Fisheries Quality Assurance and Veterinary Directorate of the Government of Vietnam. (28 October – 11 November 2006)	Training	Vietnam	schoenertr@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Workshop in Argentina on genetically modified food safety assessment using case studies. (November 2006)	Training	Argentina, Brazil, Chile	william_yan@hc-sc.gc.ca
Food Safety	Train-the-trainers workshop on genetically modified food safety assessment using a standardized training package in Ottawa with FAO.	Training	Argentina, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Thailand	william_yan@hc-sc.gc.ca

Sector	Description of Particular Programme:	Form of Assistance:	Provided to:	Contact:
	(October 2006)			
Plant Health, Food Safety	Grain Quality and Rural Agricultural Credit Systems. Assistance to develop technical specifications for registration of 625 grain elevators and warehouses compliant with phytosanitary measures (e.g. fumigation) and establish certification standards (food safety included) aimed primarily at wheat. (2006 – 2009)	Training	Ukraine	rebecca_joshua@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	Project to respond to the trade-related technical assistance needs in the specific area of sanitary and phytosanitary measures as identified by participating countries and organizations in Central America and the Caribbean. (October 2006 – 31 December 2009)	Training	Costa Rica, Guatemala and the CARICOM countries: Antigua & Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Montserrat; St. Kitts & Nevis; Saint Lucia; St. Vincent & the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad & Tobago	dean_moser@acdi-cida.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety	Fostering More Dynamic Agrifood Sectors. The objective of this project is to reinforce the capacity of the private sector and professional associations in three sectors (milk, bananas, karité). Project activities towards the production, transformation, and distribution of these products will require that sanitary and phytosanitary measures be addressed. (2006 - 2010)	Training	Burkina Faso	norma_gonzalez@acdi-cida.gc.ca