
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

QUESTIONNAIRE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Note by the Secretariat

1. At the 7-8 July 1999 meeting of the SPS Committee, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a questionnaire addressed to both developed and developing countries with the objective of identifying whether any assistance had been provided to developing countries in the context of the Article 9 of the SPS Agreement.

Article 9

Technical Assistance

1. Members agree to facilitate the provision of technical assistance to other Members, especially developing country Members, either bilaterally or through the appropriate international organizations. Such assistance may be, inter alia, in the areas of processing technologies, research and infrastructure, including in the establishment of national regulatory bodies, and may take the form of advice, credits, donations and grants, including for the purpose of seeking technical expertise, training and equipment to allow such countries to adjust to, and comply with, sanitary or phytosanitary measures necessary to achieve the appropriate level of sanitary or phytosanitary protection in their export markets.
2. Where substantial investments are required in order for an exporting developing country Member to fulfil the sanitary or phytosanitary requirements of an importing Member, the latter shall consider providing such technical assistance as will permit the developing country Member to maintain and expand its market access opportunities for the product involved.

2. The objective of this questionnaire is to gather information on technical assistance Members have requested, received or provided in respect of the implementation of the SPS Agreement since it came into force on 1 January 1995.
3. The questionnaire (copy attached) is divided into three Tables. Tables 1 and 2 are designed to be filled in by developing countries which have *requested* and/or *received* technical assistance. Table 3 is designed to be filled in by Members which have *provided* technical assistance to developing countries.
4. Members are requested to fill in the relevant Tables and fax or e-mail the responses to the Secretariat. Should Members wish to obtain this document in electronic format, please send an e-mail to christiane.wolff@wto.org (cc: irma.bracco@wto.org) with the words "SPS Questionnaire" in the subject line.
5. Members are requested to submit the completed questionnaires to the Secretariat by **Friday, 24 September 1999**, at the latest.

I. MEMBER:

TABLE 1 Technical assistance requested since 1 January 1995:							
Sector	Description of particular request: (for example related to: risk assessment, enquiry point, national notification authority, processing technology, research, infrastructure, establishment of national regulatory bodies, developing national law and regulations, etc.)	Form of assistance: (for example: advice, technical expertise, training, equipment, credits, donations, grants)	Requested from: (Member / organization)	Status			Contacts (for example: e-mail or Internet address)
				Completed (C)	Ongoing / Offered (O)	No Response (N)	
Food Safety							
Animal Health							
Plant Health							

II. MEMBER:

TABLE 2 Technical assistance <u>received</u> since 1 January 1995 (other than that identified in Table 1):				
Sector	Description of particular programme: (for example related to: risk assessment, enquiry point, national notification authority, processing technology, research, infrastructure, establishment of national regulatory bodies, developing national law and regulations, etc.)	Form of assistance: (for example: advice, technical expertise, training, equipment, credits, donations, grants)	Provided by: (Member / organization)	Contacts (for example: e-mail or Internet address)
Food Safety				
Animal Health				
Plant Health				

III. MEMBER:

TABLE 3 Technical assistance <u>provided</u> since 1 January 1995:				
Sector	Description of particular programme: (for example related to: risk assessment, enquiry point, national notification authority, processing technology, research, infrastructure, establishment of national regulatory bodies, developing national law and regulations, etc.)	Form of assistance: (for example: advice, technical expertise, training, equipment, credits, donations, grants)	Provided to: (Member)	Contacts (for example: e-mail or Internet address)
Food Safety				
Animal Health				
Plant Health				