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Action Plan on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

The following submission, dated 16 July 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Montenegro.

I. ACTIONS RELATED TO THE SPS REGIME

Relevant authorities of the Republic of Montenegro should take the following actions:

The Government of Montenegro shall adopt the Decree on Notification Procedure of SPS Measures which will regulate notification procedures in accordance with the SPS Agreement. The Decree is in the drafting process and it will be adopted by December 2007.

In addition to overall responsibility for SPS measures, the Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, should be given the following specific responsibilities:

- Acting as the Enquiry Point required by the relevant WTO SPS Agreement; and
- Administering notifications pursuant to relevant international agreements.

The draft Food Safety Law is the only law from SPS area which is still pending passage. The draft Law was prepared in close cooperation with international experts and incorporates all necessary SPS provisions. The draft was passed by the Government and is pending passage by the Parliament. The draft Law prescribes obligation for the Government to establish the National Council for Assessment of Safety of Food which will consist of experts from various field of expertise related to food safety and it will be in charge of analysis of the current situation in the country with respect to food safety, of analysis of new achievements in the area of food safety and their application in Montenegro, of review of measures and legal acts in the area of food safety and providing of all kind of data related to food safety.
