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Action Plan On the Implementation of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

The following submission, dated 23 March 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Cape Verde.

Agreement On The Implementation Of SPS Measures	Laws and draft regulations addressing the subject matter	Timeframe for completion	Remarks
Article 2.2 Measures applied on to the extent necessary to protect human, animal or plant life	Decree-Law 62/89 Decree-Law 89/92 of 16 July Decree/Law 26/97 Legislative-Decree 9/97 Ministerial Decree No. 55/97	Until the end of 2004	Those laws need to be rationalized into a comprehensive law.
Article 1: Regulation based on science	Upgrading of personnel (human resources) with special emphasis on quarantine management, meat inspection, veterinary investigation and animal disease risk analysis Upgrading and strengthening of quality control unit, laboratory, quarantine system and field veterinary system Opening of new quarantine check post and development of pre and post quarantine facilities	First quarter of 2006 End of 2005 2005	Technical assistance required Technical assistance required Technical assistance required
Article 2.3 and Annex c.1 (a) and (d): Non-discrimination	Interim policy decision on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Investigation	Upon accession	
Article 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4: Harmonization with international standards, guidelines and recommendations	Development of SPS guidelines and protocols	End of 2004	Technical assistance required
Article 4: Equivalence	Above-mentioned law and regulations	End of 2005	Technical assistance required
Articles 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3: Risk assessment to ensure that measures are based on science and applied only to the extent necessary to protect health	Above-mentioned law and regulations	2006 – 2007	Technical assistance required
Article 6 and Annexes A-6 and A.7: Regional conditions	Policy decision on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Investigation Declaration of pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence	Upon accession	Technical assistance required
Article 7 and Annex B: Establishment and operation of a single contact point for information (enquiry point)	Policy decision on the establishment of enquiry point	See ACC-8 2007	The location of enquiry point is the Ministry of Agriculture;
Transparency: notification and access to documentation	Acquisition of equipment and training of SPS enquiry point personnel	2006	Technical assistance and funding required

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Article 8 and Annex C: Control, inspection and approval procedures for the use of additives or establishing tolerance for contaminants in food, beverages or feed stuffs comply with the agreement	Above-mentioned law and regulations	2005	Technical assistance required