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Plan of Action of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Bring the Existing  
Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare, Veterinary and Plants Quarantine  
System in Conformity with the Provisions of the WTO Agreement  
on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in 2004-2006

The following submission, dated 2 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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No.	Execution period	Description of action	Relevant provisions of the SPS Agreement	Responsible authority	Form of completion
<b>2004</b>					
<b>I. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS</b>					
1	First quarter	Creating the TBT/SPS Enquiry Point	Article 7 and Annex B	MIT RK, MH RK, MA RK	Joint Order of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 145 of 16 June 2004, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 327 of 23 June 2004, and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 528 of 7 July 2004 "On Creation of the Single Enquiry Point for Interaction with the World Trade Organization Members On Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures"
<b>II. ENSURING SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WELFARE</b>					
<b>2.1 Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
2	Fourth quarter	Amendments and addenda to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Sanitary Epidemiological Welfare"	Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	MH RK	Submission to the Parliament of Draft Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Making Amendments and Addenda to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare"
3	Fourth quarter	Defining the list of the first priority items, which require upgrade of instruments and equipment Defining the lists and dates of opening profile laboratories, which require sanitary regulation	Articles 2, 3 and 5	MH RK, MA RK, MIT RK	List of items and list of dates of opening profile laboratories with international certificate
4	Third-fourth quarter	Systematization of documents pertaining to sanitary-epidemiological norms of the Republic of Kazakhstan, regulating quality and safety of agricultural products	Articles 2, 3, 5 and Annex C	MH RK	Report. The List of items and dates for harmonization of priority documents for the sanitary-epidemiological norms system of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>2.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
5	Fourth quarter	Assessment of the technical condition of the existing sanitary epidemiological service	Articles 2, 3 and 5	MH RK	Report. List of equipment for upgrade of the material-technical resources of the laboratories

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6	During the year	<p>Training the specialists of the sanitary epidemiological service in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the state sanitary-epidemiological control over the goods turnover;</li> <li>- organization and carrying out of epidemiological control in order to define the risk of infectious, parasitic, somatic diseases and intoxications;</li> <li>- international practice in standardization, certification, and metrology;</li> <li>- organization of profile and complex laboratory researches.</li> </ul>	Article 5, Article 6 and Annex C paragraph (1) subparagraph (a) of the Agreement	MH RK, technical assistance	
<b>III. VETERINARY</b>					
<b>3.1. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
7	During the year	Technical equipping of the "National Centre for Reference Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary Monitoring" State Establishment.	Articles 3 and 5	MH RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
8	During the year	Training of specialists in "National Centre for Reference Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary Monitoring" State Establishment (Astana City).	Articles 3 and 5	MH RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
9	During the year	Training of specialists in Russian Research Institute on Certification and Standardization of Veterinary Specimen (Moscow)	Articles 3 and 5	MH RK	
<b>IV. PLANTS QUARANTINE</b>					
<b>4.1. Arrangements</b>					
10	First quarter	Joining the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection organization (EPPO), made in Paris on 18 April 1951	Article 3	MA RK	Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 263 of 3 March 2004 "On Joining the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization Convention"
11	During the year	Preparation of documents and implementation of procedures for joining to the International Convention on Plants Protection	Article 3	MA RK	

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<b>4.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
12	During the year	Maintenance and material-technical support to:  - national quarantine laboratories, - national introduction-quarantine nurseries	Article 3 and 5	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
13	During the year	Training for plants quarantine inspectors of the national quarantine laboratory (Almaty City)	Article 3 and 5	MA RK	
<b>2005</b>					
<b>I. SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WELFARE</b>					
<b>1.1. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
14	During the year	Harmonization of priority documents for sanitary-epidemiological norms system of RK with international standards	Articles 2, 3, 5 and Annex C	MH RK	Orders of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>1.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
15	During the year	Step-by-step harmonization of laboratory control methods with the list of priority goods	Articles 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MH RK	Orders of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
16	During the year	Upgrading the sanitary-epidemiological service laboratories	Articles 3 and 5	MH RK, oblast, Astana, Almaty akims	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
17	During the year	Creating reference laboratories on the basis of the National Sanitary-Epidemiological Station for the following purposes:  - detection of threshold concentrations of harmful substances in food products; - diagnosing of bacterial and virus infections, including extremely dangerous and new infections	Articles 3 and 5	MH RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
18	Second-third quarter	Creating sanitary-quarantine checkpoints at the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C	MH RK, oblast, Astana, Almaty akims	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"

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19	During the year	<p>Training the sanitary epidemiological service specialists in the following spheres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the state sanitary-epidemiological control over the goods turnover;</li> <li>- organization and implementation of epidemiological control in order to define the risk of infectious, parasitic, and somatic diseases and intoxications;</li> <li>- international practice in standardization, certification, and metrology;</li> <li>- organization of profile and complex laboratory researches.</li> </ul>	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C	MH RK, technical assistance	
<b>II. VETERINARY</b>					
<b>2.1. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
20	During the year	<p>Harmonization with the international requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Methodical instructions for diagnosing of animal infectious diseases</li> <li>- Rules for identification of markets, organizations for production and marketing animal products and raw materials</li> <li>- Entomological examination methods</li> </ul>	Article 3	MA RK	Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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21	During the year	Development of veterinary norms for evaluation of risk of animal products safety in compliance with international requirements:  - Veterinary norms for the content of organophosphorus, organochlorine pesticides and heavy metals salts in animal products - Veterinary norms for the content of radioactive nuclides in animal products - Veterinary norms for the content of antibiotic, biostimulants, and hormonal agents in animal products	Articles 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MA RK	Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>2.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
22	During the year	Technical equipping of "National Centre for Reference Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary" State Enterprise	Articles 3 and 5	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
<b>III. PLANTS QUARANTINE</b>					
<b>3.1. Arrangements</b>					
23	During the year	Preparation of documents and implementation of procedures for joining the International Convention on Plants Protection	Article 3	MA RK	
<b>3.2. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
24	During the year	Harmonization of quarantine examination sampling methods with international requirements	Article 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MA RK	Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>3.3. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
25	During the year	Increasing the number of plant quarantine state inspectors by 274	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
26	During the year	Maintenance and technical support to:  - national quarantine laboratories, - national introduction-quarantine nurseries	Article 3 and 5	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
27	During the year	Retraining of plant quarantine state inspectors in the institutes of the Russian Federation	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	

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28	During the year	Training of plant quarantine inspectors in the national quarantine laboratory (Almaty City)	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	
<b>2006</b>					
<b>I. SANITARY-EPIDEMIOLOGICAL WELFARE</b>					
<b>1.1. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
29	During the year	Harmonization of priority documents for sanitary epidemiological norms system of RK with international standards	Article 3	MH RK	Orders of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>1.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
30	During the year	Step-by-step harmonization of laboratory control methods with the priority list of goods introduced to circulation	Article 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MH RK	Orders of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan
31	During the year	Upgrading the sanitary-epidemiological service laboratories	Article 3 and 5	MH RK, oblast, Astana, Almaty akims	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
32	During the year	Creating of reference laboratories on the basis of the National Sanitary-Epidemiological Station for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- detection of threshold concentrations of harmful substances in food products;</li> <li>- diagnosing of bacterial and virus infections, including extremely dangerous and new infections</li> </ul>	Article 3 and 5	MH RK, technical assistance	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
<b>II. VETERINARY</b>					
<b>2.1. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
33	During the year	Harmonization with the international requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Veterinary rules for state veterinary control in organization producing and marketing animal products and raw materials</li> <li>- Veterinary rules for transportation of animals, animal products and raw materials</li> <li>- Products entomological examination methods</li> </ul>	Article 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MA RK	Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Orders of Standardization, Metrology, and Certification Committee of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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34	During the year	Development of veterinary norms for evaluation of risk of animal products safety pursuant to international requirements:  - Veterinary norms for the content of organophosphorus, organochlorine pesticides and heavy metals salts in animal products; - Veterinary norms for the content of radioactive nuclides in animal products - Veterinary norms for the content of antibiotic, biostimulants, and hormonal agents in animal products	Article 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MA RK	Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>2.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
35	During the year	Upgrading the equipment of veterinary laboratories. (5 regional, 13 oblast, 193 rayon level veterinary laboratories in total)	статьи 3 и 5	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
36	During the year	Training of specialists in "National Center for Reference Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary Monitoring" State Establishment (Astana City).	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	
37	During the year	Training specialists in Russian Research Institute on Certification and Standardization of Veterinary Specimen (Moscow)	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	
<b>III. PLANTS QUARANTINE</b>					
<b>3.1. Arrangements</b>					
38	During the year	Joining the International Convention on Plants Protection		MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government
<b>3.2. Harmonization of the legislation and standards, methods and rules with the SPS Agreement</b>					
39	During the year	Harmonization of psychopathological analysis with international requirements	Article 2, 3, 5, 8 and Annex C	MA RK	Orders of Standardization, Metrology, and Certification Committee of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Republic of Kazakhstan



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<b>3.2. Laboratories equipping, personnel training and skill improvement</b>					
40	During the year	Financing and material-technical support to:  - national quarantine laboratories, - national introduction-quarantine nurseries	Article 3 and 5	MA RK	Resolution of the RK Government "On Passing Budget Programs Passports"
41	During the year	Retraining of plants quarantine state inspectors in the institutes of the Russian Federation	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	
42	During the year	Training of plant quarantine inspectors in the national quarantine laboratory (Almaty City)	Article 6 and paragraph 1 subparagraph (a) of Annex C of the Agreement	MA RK	