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

The following Action Plan on the Implementation of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures has been received from the Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Nepal, with the request that it be circulated to Working Party members.

Agreement on the Implementation of SPS Measures	Laws and draft regulations addressing the subject matter	Timeframe for completion	Remarks
Article 2.2: Measures applied only to the extent necessary to protect human ,animal or plant life	Approval of the amendment of Plant Protection Act 1972 Ratification of Instrument of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Approval of amendment of Seed Act 1998 Plant Protection Act 1972 Food Act 1966	April 2005 December 2005 August 2004 In force In force	Technical assistance requested for drafting of legislation.
Article 1: Regulation based on science	Upgrading of human resources with special emphasis on to quarantine management , meat inspection, veterinary investigation and animal disease risk analysis Approval of amendment of Plant Protection Regulation 1975 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	July 2005 December 2005 December 2006 December 2006	Technical assistance requested. Technical assistance requested for drafting of regulations. Technical assistance requested. Technical assistance requested.
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 Above-mentioned law and regulations	July 2006 December 2006	Technical assistance requested.
Article 4: Equivalence	Above-mentioned law and regulations	December 2006	

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Article 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	December 2006	
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 July 2005	Technical assistance requested.
Article 7 and Annex B: Establishment and operation of a single contact point for information (enquiry point) Transparency: notification and access to documentation	Policy decision on the establishment of enquiry point Acquisition of equipment and training of SPS enquiry point personnel	June 2003 December 2004	Technical assistance requested.
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	December 2006	

Interpretative Notes:

Full implementation of Agreement on the application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures would be achieved latest by December 2006 as per the implementation plan mentioned above.