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Check-list of Issues

Addendum

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Completion Report

With reference to the information in document WT/ACC/UKR/110/Add.3, the Governmental Commission on Ukraine's Accession to the WTO has submitted Annex F and G as reproduced hereunder.

ANNEX F

Ukraine Action Programme 2001

Title: Establishment of an agricultural standards certification and control mechanism in line with WTO requirements

Budget: €2 million

- Background

Although Ukraine has great potential in agriculture, the conditions for revitalising this sector are not yet met. One element that can significantly contribute to the further development of this sector is the facilitation of trade in agricultural products with other countries. An important condition for this is that the agricultural standards in the Ukraine are compliant with WTO SPS requirements and other international standards.

- Wider objective

To support the economic development of the agricultural sector via the implementation of international standards in food safety, animal and plant health.

- Project specific objectives

To increase awareness about the international standards and recommendations on animal and plant health propagated by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) on human, animal and plant health, the International Office of Epizootics (OIE) and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and ensure compliance with the provisions of the WTO SPS agreement.

To prepare proposals for legislative and regulatory changes in the area of food safety and primary production in line with EU and international standards.

To develop effective dialogue with the private sector through institutional support for the primary associations in the food processing industry.

- Beneficiary

The main project beneficiary and coordinator on the Ukrainian side will be the Ministry of Economy and European Integration of Ukraine. Through this Ministry, and through co-ordination structures established by the project, related government beneficiaries will include representatives of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, the Ministry of Health, the Verkhovna Rada and industry representatives. Subordinate authorities to these Ministries i.e. the Veterinary Inspectorate, the Sanitary-epidemiological Service, DerzhStandart, would also be invited to participate.

The beneficiary from the private sector will be the Food Processors' Association and other leading sector associations as appropriate.

- Target Groups

The target groups on the regulatory side are officials dealing with human, animal and plant health issues, including policy-makers in the executive and legislative branches and those working in the relevant inspectorates and analytical services. On the industry side, the target group will be enterprise management and quality control personnel.

The project is also intended to reach a broader audience of businesses, professionals and consumers interested in issues of food, animal and plant safety.

- Project activities

The project will assist in developing and implementing a national strategy for food safety based on international standards and recommendations, and promote its discussion among government, industry and consumer groups. This will include support to the relevant measures proposed in the decree of the President of Ukraine No. 601 from 7 August 2001.

The project will provide advice on the institutional, administrative and regulatory measures necessary to ensure implementation of Ukraine's obligations under the WTO SPS Agreement, including the development of national capacity to comply with notification requirements and to ensure science-based risk analysis;

On the regulatory side, the project will also provide training to inspectors (in investigative techniques and up-to-date food safety and quality assurance methods), as well as training and equipment to upgrade analytical services in line with EU and international standards (to allow for reliable analysis of often complex food safety issues).

Training will be given at industry level to promote the implementation of good agricultural practices (primary production) and good manufacturing practices (secondary production) and a food quality and safety system e.g. HACCP; training and other support will also be provided for the institutional development of associations representing the food processing industry in Ukraine.

- Links to other projects

The project is developed on the basis of previous activities with DerzhStandart (Harmonisation/Consolidation of Standards and Certification in Ukraine), on food safety (HACCP), and support to improving agricultural and food trade to the NIS (SIAFT). It also takes into account an EES project on WTO SPS compliance that began in October 2001.

ANNEX G

Possible Measures for Medium Term Technical Assistance

Number: 1	
Activity:	Ad-hoc technical assistance facility
Objective:	Within the context of the project there should be a pool of experts available at short notice to provide day-to-day assistance on SPS issues. They will assess the different Administrations and the overall Ukrainian progress towards accession. They also will transmit their experience, as a model to be adapted to the country needs. Finally the group could serve as a stimulus to co-ordinate the different Administrations involved.
Inputs:	220 man days international expertise. 440 man days local expertise
Outputs:	Ad-hoc policy advice, training, mentoring and assistance to SPS authorities
Estimated Cost:	€266,000

Number: 2	
Activity:	Technical assistance for laboratory accreditation
Objective:	Assistance should be provided in terms of laboratory accreditation according to EC rules (UNI/ISO) and training of laboratory personnel on new methods. It was reported that the results of tests carried out in Ukraine do not always prove the same of the Europeans. After adoption of the same laboratory methodologies of western countries, revision and reduction of the parameters to be checked according to the "mandatory minimal list of the analysis of raw materials, products of animal and non animal origin, feed, row feed, vitamins". Further assistance should be provided on procedure for samples collection to guarantee the right of confirmation of positive results.
Inputs:	110 man days international expertise. 220 man days local expertise. Upgrade of equipment (estimate €100,000)
Outputs:	Technical assistance and training courses
Estimated Cost:	€233,000

Number: 3	
Activity:	Support for the establishment of an WTO SPS Enquiry Point and National Notification Authority
Objective:	Compliance with WTO obligations
Inputs:	110 man days international expertise. 440 man days local expertise. IT Equipment and office furniture (estimate €30,000). Study tours to functioning Enquiry Points (estimate €10,000)
Outputs:	Fully functioning and equipped SPS Enquiry Point
Estimated Cost:	€200,000

Number: 4	
Activity:	Comparative analysis if the types and system of the sanitary, phytosanitary, veterinary and ecological control in Ukraine, on the state border in particular, with the requirements of WTO, EU and key provisions of the International Convention On Adjustment of Conditions of Border Cargo Control
Objective:	Compliance with international obligations
Inputs:	44 days international expertise 66 days local expertise
Outputs:	Study
Estimated Cost:	€80,000

Number: 5	
Activity:	Establishment in Ukraine of a database of standards, instructions or recommendations on sanitary, phytosanitary, veterinary and ecological control
Objective:	Compliance with international obligations
Inputs:	44 days international expertise. 66 days local expertise. IT Equipment (estimate €10,000)
Outputs:	Fully functioning database
Estimated Cost:	€90,000

Number: 6	
Activity:	Development, adoption and implementation of HACCP standards (System for risk analysis and critical points control) at enterprises, and training of representatives of the industry and control bodies for HACCP implementation in the production
Objective:	Compliance with international standards
Inputs:	44 days international expertise. 66 days local expertise
Outputs:	Training and technical assistance
Estimated Cost:	€80,000

Number: 7	
Activity:	Study Tours
Objective:	Exchange of experience in sanitary, phytosanitary and ecological control with experts from EU member-states, training of Ukrainian specialists in EU member-countries
Inputs:	20 days international expertise. Flights and subsistence (estimate €30,000)
Outputs:	training
Estimated Cost:	€50,000

Number: 8	
Activity:	Provision of equipment for ecological border control posts
Objective:	Increased reliability and accuracy of controls
Inputs:	Equipment
Outputs:	Modernised equipment
Estimated Cost:	Difficult to assess without further analysis. Estimate €250,000
