

**Working Party on the
Accession of Viet Nam**

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ACCESSION OF VIET NAM

Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on the
Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

Revision

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has submitted the following Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) for 2003 to 2004, with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Working Party.

Following the comments raised by Working Party members, Viet Nam would also like to make changes to the Action Plan for Implementing the SPS Agreement for 2002-2003 (WT/ACC/VNM/11/Rev.1) as follows:

- Transparency obligation in Boxes 3 and 10 are to be moved to Box 2;
- Box 3 should be rewritten as "Inspection measures of Viet Nam are only applied to the extent necessary with a view to protecting human, animal and plant resources of Viet Nam".

Plan of Action for the Implementation of the SPS Agreement (updated)

No	Current status	Years 2003-2004
1.	<p><u>Sanitary measures</u></p> <p>Completing the modification of Veterinary Ordinance which is now waiting for approval.</p> <p>Signing Memorandum of Understanding on veterinary cooperation with Republic of Korea and Canada.</p> <p>Summing up program against rabies disease. Carrying out program against Foot and Mouth disease.</p> <p>Nominating officers to participate international seminars and training courses for sanitary and foodstuff security for products from animals.</p>	<p>Putting revised Veterinary Ordinance into law making program of National Assembly in 2003 and issuing other legal documents for guidance.</p> <p>Continuing to sign veterinary cooperation agreements with New Zealand, Chile and other ASEAN countries.</p> <p>Continuing the program raising awareness on Foot and Mouth disease.</p> <p>Increasing the facilities and capacity building of veterinary officers to serve for sanitary works.</p>
2.	<p><u>Phytosanitary</u></p> <p>The Ordinance on Plan Protection and Quarantine and Rules on Plan Quarantine (amended) are already issued on 25 July 2001. Viet Nam is re-checking all legal documentation for modification and amendment to be conformed with the Ordinance and Rules.</p> <p>Training phytosanitary officers to apply international standards on phytosanitary, especially Pest Risk Analysis Measure.</p>	<p>Issuing specification and standards on phytosanitary to well carry out the new Ordinance and Rules conforming with SPS Agreement Working together with relevant ministries to establish enquiry points for SPS information provision.</p> <p>Continuing to strengthen capacity building of plan protection officers to meet the demand of phytosanitary work.</p> <p>Signing bilateral cooperation agreements on phytosanitary with Republic of Korea, Chile and Mongolia.</p>