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Revision

The following submission, dated 26 October 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Yemen.

Articles	Activity	Time frame	Technical assistance required
<p>Article 2: Article 2.2: Measures applied only to the extent necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health is based on sufficient scientific evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update and issuance of the Plant Quarantine Law No. 32/1999 and its executive regulations No. 54/2001 for consistency with the SPS and the new revised text for IPPC. 	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Law was technically reviewed and modified with assistance from IPPC/FAO and now is in the process of official approval and issuance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update Animal Wealth Law No. 17/2004 and its executive regulations for harmonization with respective international standards of OIE and SPS Agreement. 	2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A legal expert specialising in animal health and SPS Agreement. - A workshop on the major regulations to be developed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update the Specification Metrology & Quality Control Law No. 44/1999 in order to conform to the SPS Agreement and Codex specifications. 	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A legal expert specialising in the SPS Agreement and Codex specifications. - Workshops to discuss the amended draft Law administratively, technically and scientifically.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update the technical food regulations and food specifications in accordance with the international specifications of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. 	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A legal expert specialising in food regulations and food specifications of Codex. - A workshop for discussing, modifying and recommending regulations and specifications to be in consistence with international standards.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct sanitary survey for food safety in main cities. 	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An expert in sanitary survey procedures for food safety. - Training for staff and technicians.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Periodic evaluation for the food control system as well as on food inspections activities according to the guides, manuals and international recommendations. 	2008-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An expert in food control systems and inspections (2008). - Workshops in food control and inspections (2009). - Training for staff and technicians in food control evaluation and inspections (2009-2010).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare and issuance of Food Law for the country in coordination and cooperation with relevance ministries and authorities. 	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A legal expert specialising in food. - Workshops for discussing and modifying draft Law to be in consistence with international laws.

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Article 2.2	- Establish the Yemeni Food Committee (Yemeni Codex Committee).	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A workshop for discussing organizational aspects, duties and responsibilities concerning National Codex Committee. - Provision of publications and guidelines issued by the International Food Constitution Board. - The food standards issued from the CODEX Alimentarius since 2000 to 2007.
	- Build and equip new plant quarantine stations at entry points.	2008-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An expert in building and equipping plant quarantine stations. - Sampling procedures and inspection materials and equipment. - Treatment equipment. - Computers and networking. - Training of staff and technicians.
	- Build veterinary quarantine stations at entry points.	2008-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An expert in building veterinary quarantine stations. - Training in veterinary quarantine. - Veterinary quarantine networking.
	- Development of phytosanitary and animal health laboratories.	2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnosis equipment and materials. - Training for laboratories staff. - An expert in identifying suitable equipment and their specifications. - An expert in laboratories management and bio-safety and security.
	- Setting a central laboratory for food safety and special food testing laboratories at the entry points.	2008-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buildings. - Inspection and test food for microbiological and chemical. - Training for staff and technicians in food inspection and test.
	- Development of human capacity building in the area of phytosanitary and animal health.	2008-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses for staff, technicians and scientific personnel (veterinaries, microbiologists, plant pathologists, entomologists etc) in the field of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sampling and inspection; and - Diagnosis and analytical techniques.

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Article 2.3 and Annex C.1(a) and (d): Non- discrimination	- Above mentioned laws and regulations.	2008-2013	- Training of local expertise and staff. - Networking facilities.
	- Updating of information on import requirements for plants, plant products, animal and animal products and other related articles.	2008-2009	- Experts in plant pests and animal diseases and food additives and contaminants. - Experts in diagnostics and surveillance, and surveys. - Information exchange facilities (computers and networking).
Article 3: Articles 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4: Harmonization with international standards, guidance, and recommendations	- Above mentioned laws and regulations.	2008-2013	- Training of local expertise and staff on harmonization. - Networking facilities.
	- Participation in SPS major meetings and other related sanitary & phytosanitary agreements meetings and its subsidiary organizations.	2008-2010	- Financial assistance (DSA, Airline tickets).
	- Implement the international standards for sanitary and phytosanitary measures.	Continuous	- Expertise in the implementation of international standards and SPS measures (2008). - Training of staff and technicians (2009-2010). - Workshops on the proper implementation of SPS Agreement (2010).
Article 4 : Equivalence	- Above mentioned laws and regulations.	2008-2013	- Training of staff and technicians on equivalence application. - Networking facilities.
Article 5: Articles 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3: Risk assessment to ensure that measures are based on science and applied only to protect health	- Update pests' lists according to risk analysis and assessment.	2008-2009	- Experts in plant pests and animal diseases and food additives and contaminants. - Experts in diagnostics and surveillance, and surveys. - Information exchange facilities (computers and networking).
	- Implement specific technical training program in particular: - Plant pest risk analysis; - Implementation of HACCP system and related procedures; and - Animal disease risk analysis.	2008-2010	- Expertise in training of staff and technicians in risk management. - Data processing and analysis facilities.

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Articles 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3	- Creation of food-born diseases lists according to risk analysis and assessment.	2008-2009	- Experts in food-born diseases and risk analysis and risk assessment.
	- Establishment of risk analysis and assessment management.	2008-2010	- An expert in risk management. - Training of staff and technicians.
Article 6 and Annexes A.6 and A.7: Adaptation to regional conditions	- Initiation to find pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence.	2008-2009	- Expertise in disease free areas and of low pest or disease prevalence. - Training in: - Disease free areas and of low pest or disease prevalence; and - Epidemiological surveillance.
	- Declaration of pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence.	2008-2010	- Mentioned in the previous technical assistance required.
Article 7 and Annex B: Transparency: Establishment and operation of a single enquiry point, publication of regulations and notification	- Follow up the process of the establishment and development of central' notification authority and enquiry point in the Ministry of Industry and Trade.	2008-2010	- Computers and networking facilities. - Workshops on transparency. - Training in SPS measures in general and transparency in particular.
	- Development of the subsidiary enquiry points in the line ministries and authorities (Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Yemen Authority for Specifications and Metrology Organization.	2008-2010	- As mentioned in previous content.
Article 8 and Annex C: Control and inspection/approval procedures for additives/tolerance contaminants in food	- Development of the pesticides residue analysis lab.	2008-2010	- Expertise in the field of control and inspection. - Training of staff and technicians. - Equipments and tools for analysis.
	- Development of veterinary drugs residue analysis lab.	2008-2010	- Expertise in the field of control and inspection. - Training of staff and technicians. - Equipments and tools for analysis.
	- Development of additives and contaminants analysis lab.	2008-2010	- Expertise in the field of control and inspection. - Training of staff and technicians. - Equipments and tools for analysis.