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

*Update on the Status of the Activities Scheduled to be Concluded by 2010 in the Action Plan*

#### Addendum

The following submission, dated 28 March 2010, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Yemen.

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Activity	Current Situation	Upcoming Steps	Requirements
<b>I. Plant Protection</b>			
Review, update and issue 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	A draft law has been prepared with the assistance of a legal consultant from the FAO.	Send the amended Law to the House of Representative.	
Build and equip new plant quarantine stations at entry points	<p>Plant quarantine stations and offices have been established and installations are in place in each of the ports and entries of Hodeida, Aden, Al-Tiwal, Shahin, Sana'a airport, Aden airport, Mokalla airport.</p> <p>New plant quarantine stations have been created in each of the entries of Buqa', Alib and Wadee'a.</p>	<p>Furnish and install plant quarantine stations in each of entries of Buqa' Alib and Wadee'a.</p> <p>(Entries of Buqa' and Alib have been formerly supplied with some testing equipments such as microscopes, binocular, amplifying lenses, hand lenses and boxes of testing tools).</p>	Technical assistance.
Development of plant health and animal health laboratories	<p>Laboratories have been developed through dividing them into labs for bacterial and fungal diseases, labs for virus diseases, labs for nematode diseases, labs for insects and spiders, labs for weeds, and chambers for disinfection and isolation.</p> <p>Some labs have also been supplied with modern lab equipment and tools and also the provision of solutions and necessary environment to operate those labs.</p>	<p>The provision of a PCR to enable speedy test of plant , virus and bacterial diseases.</p> <p>Such labs also need to be supplied with the most specialized cadre so that it can apply international protocols to diagnose plant pests.</p>	Technical assistance.
Development of human capacity in the areas of plant health and animal health	<p>14 plant protection specialists have been trained, to implement International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures and Pest Risk Analysis – 2006.</p> <p>15 plant protection specialists have been trained on contemporary phytosanitary procedures (including procedures for sampling and inspection of consignments – 2007).</p> <p>13 plant protection specialists have been trained on implementation of International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures - 2008.</p> <p>One plant protection specialist has been trained to analyze risks of weeds - 2009.</p>	<p>Implementation of the training on diagnosing of plant pests.</p> <p>Also detection of pesticide residue in agricultural products.</p>	Technical assistance.

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Updating information on import requirements for plants, plant products, animal and animal products and other related articles	We have begun doing so through exchange of information with some countries and through supplying us with plant health information for plant and plant products that are imported from them with a view to conduct pest risk analysis in the light of which such requirements will be updated.	It is possible that a plant pest survey will be conducted on the most important 20 crops in Yemen.  Updating special phytosanitary requirements related to:  - date palm; - potato seeds for planting; - vegetable seeds for planting; - some fruits and vegetables for consumption.	Technical assistance.
Participation in SPS major meetings and other related sanitary and phytosanitary agreements meetings and their subsidiary organizations	Taking part in annual meetings of International Convention Plant Protection (IPPC) (meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Convention, the International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures) SC during the period 2004-2009.  Participation in the International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures SC of the IPPC convention through the membership of the Director General of the Plant Protection in that SC as a representative of the Near East Region during 2005-2009 and is still a member of the SC 2012.  Nominate the Director General of Plant Protection in Yemen as a member for the working group of the International Standards committee on Phytosanitary Measures (SC-7) as a representative of the Near East region during 2009.	Participation in the annual meeting of the IPPC (the Fifth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures) which will be held in Rome - Italy during 22-26 March 2010.  Participation in the International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures ,which will be held in Rome - Italy during 26-30 April 2010.  Participation in the working group of International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures (SC-7) that will take place in Rome during 3-6 May 2010.  Participation in the meeting of the International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures in Rome during 1-5 November 2010.  Participation in the working group of International Standards Committee on Phytosanitary Measures (SC-7) that will be held in Rome from 8-12 November 2010.	
Implement the international standards for sanitary and phytosanitary measures	International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures are being implemented according to available resources, principally standards 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 23, 24 and 25.	Application of other standards, especially what relates to surveillance and pest free areas from the fruit flies and preserving them.  Finding areas of low prevalence of fruit flies etc.	Technical assistance.
Update pests' lists according to risk analysis and assessment	A project document has been prepared for survey and surveillance of plant pests during 2009 and was presented to some donors, and it might be funded during 2010.	It is possible to finance the implementation of surveillance and survey of plant pests, which represents the most important step to update the list of plant pests in the light of risk analysis.	Technical assistance.

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<p>Implement specific technical training program in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pest Risk Analysis</li> </ul>	<p>14 plant protection specialists have been trained on adoption of international standards for phytosanitary measures and pest risk analysis- 2006.</p> <p>One plant protection specialist has been trained on pest risk analysis of harmful weeds, Libya -2009.</p>	<p>It is possible to implement other courses in the area of pest risk analysis if survey and surveillance project is funded, which includes conducting courses in this field.</p>	<p>Technical assistance.</p>
<p>Initiation to find pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence</p>	<p>A project document has been prepared for the plant survey and surveillance of plant pests during 2009, and was presented to some donors and might be funded during the year 2010.</p>	<p>The project for the implementation of the survey and surveillance project of plant pest maybe financed, which represents the most important step towards such areas.</p>	<p>Technical assistance.</p>
<p>Development of the subsidiary enquiry points in line Ministries and authorities (Ministry of Health, Yemen Authority for Specifications and Metrology Organization)</p>	<p>The sub point in the General Directorate of Plant Protection has been established.</p>	<p>Activation and development of sub-point.</p>	<p>Technical assistance.</p>
<p>Development of the pesticides residue analysis laboratory</p>	<p>During 2009, the laboratory was provided with GC-MS and highly purified gases and the necessary UPS for operation.</p> <p>During the year, the lab was provided with a GC and it is now in the process of being installed and operated.</p> <p>Three mobile (field) sets for detecting residues of pesticides in agricultural products in the fields, central markets of vegetables, fruits during 2009. 18 field visits were executed to such places within the governorate of Sana'a, Sana'a city. A similar programme is being executed in Hodeida Governorate.</p> <p>A quantity of solutions and reagents necessary to operate the lab sets mentioned above, have been provided.</p> <p>A request for technical assistance has been made to the FAO, namely, the provision of an international expert on areas of adopting the Maximum Residues Levels (MRLs) of pesticide permitted in agricultural products MRLs in accordance with Codex standards.</p>	<p>Provision of standard material necessary for conducting various tests.</p> <p>Operating the lab efficiently.</p>	

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	<p>Five specialists working in laboratories have been trained, on new technologies to detect pesticide residues in agricultural products, Egypt, 2008.</p> <p>During February 2010, two specialists were trained in laboratories on how to operate the GC set.</p>		Technical assistance
<b>II. Livestock</b>			
Review and update Livestock Protection and Organization Law No. 17/2004 and its executive regulations for harmonization with respective international standards of OIE and SPS Agreement	Steps are underway to update the law with the assistance of an international consultant from the World Bank.	Issuance of updated Law during 2010.	
Build veterinary quarantine stations at entry points	The process of the rehabilitation of veterinary quarantine facilities is on-going in order to comply with international standards.	Commencement of construction works.	
Development of phytosanitary and animal health laboratories	<p>New building for central veterinary laboratory has been constructed in Sana'a city in accordance with international standards. Benching and equipping are ongoing and funded by the World Bank.</p> <p>Four labs in the provinces of high animal density and in close proximity to quarantine entries were constructed and now the process of benching is ongoing and funded by USDA.</p> <p>Equipping of three labs (Taiz, Alhodiedah and Abs in Hajja ) are ongoing and funded by the World Bank.</p>	Follow-up the process to finish the planned activities.	Technical assistance.
Development of human capacity in the areas of phytosanitary and animal health	<p>Some training has been conducted in the area of laboratory diagnosis and epidemics and gathering and analysis of samples through local and foreign funding such as FAO.</p> <p>A training programme has been prepared in epidemiology. Lab training and Quarantine.</p>	Implementation of the prepared training programme.	Technical assistance.
Updating information on import requirements for plants, plant products, animal and animal products and other related articles	Modernization is continuous in accordance with development at regional and international levels such as Avian influenza.		

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Participation in SPS major meetings and other related sanitary and phytosanitary agreements meetings and their subsidiary organizations	Participation in the annual and regional OIE conferences.	Participation in the regional and international meetings, and conferences related to animal health and quarantine.	Technical assistance.
Implement the international standards for sanitary and phytosanitary measures	International standards are implemented based on applied legislations and issued recommendations by concerned international organizations.	Training of local cadre on the implementation of international criterion.	Technical assistance.
Implement specific technical training programme in particular: - Animal disease risk analysis	A training programme has been prepared.	Implementation of the programme.	Technical assistance.
Development of the subsidiary enquiry points in line Ministries and authorities (Ministry of Health, Yemen Authority for Specifications and Metrology Organization)	A sub-point has been created in the General Directorate of animal health and veterinary quarantine.	Activation and development of the sub-unit.	Technical assistance.
<b>III. Standardization and Metrology</b>			
Health survey on food safety	Did not materialize due to lack of necessary resources.	To begin the health survey.	Technical assistance.
Periodical evaluation of food control system	On-going.	Training of the technical cadre to include all concerned authorities.	Technical assistance.
Establishment of Codex Alimentarius	Establishment on-going.	Complete provision of necessary requirements for the committee (site, furniture, personal and information technology).	Technical assistance.
Participation in meetings of SPS	Participation in meetings is confined to annual Codex meeting due to limited financial resources allocated for participation in technical committees.	Participation in annual meetings and non-annual meetings (periodical).	Technical assistance.
Application of HACCP procedures	Theoretical training has been completed.	Provision of training programmes, applications and experiences.	Technical assistance.
- Development of the pest residue laboratory - Development of analysis of additives and content	Partial training has been completed.	The provision of an expert to train personal and technicians of the risk management department.	Technical assistance.

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	<p>The lab has been established and major equipment has been provided.</p> <p>Participation in some training courses (internal/external).</p> <p>Additional 19 tester on pesticides and 5 tests for additives and ingredients.</p>	<p>Completion of provision of assisting equipment.</p> <p>Provision of chemical material.</p> <p>Provision of standard solutions.</p> <p>Provision of laboratory glass containers.</p> <p>Training of personnel.</p>	<p>Technical assistance.</p>
Enquiry sub point	A sub-point has been established.	<p>Awareness raising on agreements.</p> <p>Operation of the point, preparation of notifications and response to enquiries.</p>	<p>Technical assistance.</p>