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Technical Assistance Requirements in the Area of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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Technical Assistance Requirements Based on Questionnaire in G/SPS/W/113

	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conferences, seminars, workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the WTO and the multilateral trading system; - Importance of the SPS Agreement for international trade; - Introduction to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX), Animal Health Organization (OIE) and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC); - Importance of the appropriate level of protection (ALOP), non-discriminatory trade measures; - Analysis of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism and the settlement of cases relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures; - Importance of the work of the standard-setting bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses/workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of transparency provisions; - Recognition of equivalence and regionalization; - Harmonization of requirements; - Risk analysis - International standards related to the SPS-Agreement. - Participation in SPS related international standard-setting bodies. - Participation of specialists in international and regional conferences, seminars and workshops held by international organizations in the field of food safety and animal and plant health. 	<p><u>Soft infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses for technical and scientific personnel to strengthen human resources (veterinarians, microbiologists, food safety specialists, chemists, epidemiologists, plant pathologists, etc.), in the following areas: sampling and inspection, surveillance, certification laboratory work, risk assessment, diagnosis techniques, HACCP techniques, HACCP auditing, laboratory management and new testing techniques. - Consumer awareness programs on sanitary and phytosanitary measures. <p><u>Hard infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment and supporting software that can help improve the capacity building and operation efficiency of Yemen's National SPS Enquiry Point. - Laboratories, testing equipment, plant quarantine services, veterinary services, processing and storage facilities, computer databases, disease information/monitoring systems. - Establishment of a database for the notification system. 	Establishment of an information center on sanitary and phytosanitary Measures.	

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Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conferences, seminars, workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the work. of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX); - CODEX standards on unprocessed and semi-processed products; - Introduction to the legal, administrative and standardizing systems of other members pertaining to food registration and the management of labelling; - Information of producers, farmers, industrialists and government officials on the SPS Agreement. - Provision of the Yemeni Government with scientific publications, recommendations and directories issued e.g. by WHO/FAO pertaining to food safety in terms of the SPS Agreement. - Development of information and data handling and analysis systems. - Workshop on short and long term strategies in the field of food safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops and training on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transparency; - Bilateral/multilateral recognition of SPS measures; - Harmonization; - Risk analysis; - Settling of Controversies; - Analysis of Controversies. - Workshop(s) on risk analysis, risk assessment and management. - Workshop(s) on the inspection and certification bodies accreditation procedures. - Workshop on random sampling and statistics in line with international standards. - Workshop on food born diseases. 	<p><u>Soft infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Software models for food safety risk assessment, food safety surveillance and the collection and reporting of data. - Guidelines in the field of food safety. - Up-dating of food control laws and regulations, including training of the official control agencies' staff. - Support of local training programs in the field of food safety. - Periodical assessment of the food control system and its processes by experts and determination of strengths and weaknesses (gap analysis), including recommendations as to the necessary remedies. - Inviting experts to train official staff (up to the managerial level) "on-the-job" on inspection, sampling and auditing; HACCP. - Training courses abroad on GMO-issues. <p><u>Hard infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laboratory testing equipment. - Inspection/sampling equipment. - Field testing equipment. - Implementation of HACCPs in all food sectors. - Food born disease diagnosis equipment. - Assigning a central food laboratory among the existing food laboratories and its supply with the necessary equipment. 		

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Animal Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conferences, seminars, workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the work of the Animal Health Organization (OIE); - SPS measures related to Animal Health. - Development of an animal disease information system (collection, processing and publication of data). - Development of methods for animal disease surveillance and diagnosis. - Development of a veterinary drug registration system and harmonization of technical requirements for the registration of medicinal products. - Participation in regional training activities on epidemiology, including the setup of epidemiological monitoring systems. - Development of disease control/elimination programmes. - Evaluation of veterinary services and laboratories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses/workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk analysis, transparency, dispute settlement procedures, equivalency and regionalization; - Methods for animal disease surveillance, diagnosis and eradication; - Surveillance procedures and risk assessment. - Training of technical experts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection, sampling, and testing methods; - Surveillance, risk assessment; - Establishment of Disease-Free Areas; - Risk assessment procedures and techniques. 	<p><u>Soft infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Software models for animal health risk assessment. - Updating of related legislation and regulations. - Training/workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal feed standards in international trade; - Disease diagnosis and epidemiology; - The administration and management of veterinary services; - Veterinary drug registration; - Laboratory management, specific disease tests and diagnosis techniques; - Integrity of veterinary control and surveillance at the level of primary production (farm), including usage of animal feed and veterinary drugs; - Practical courses on the control of veterinary drug residues. <p><u>Hard infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building of veterinary quarantine stations at entry points. - Supply of laboratory testing equipment, testing methods and testing reagents. - Application of molecular biological technology in the animal health field. - Laboratory equipment. - Equipment for veterinary drugs residue analysis. 		

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Plant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conferences, seminars, workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC); - Determination of the appropriate level of protection; - Non-discriminatory trade measures; - Analysis of disputes relating to phytosanitary measures; and - The work of standard-setting bodies. - Updating of information on import requirements for plants, plant products and other regulated subject matter by Members Countries. - Information on pest risk analysis regarding the importation of plants, plant products and other subject matter by Members Countries. - Development of pesticides registration systems and harmonization of technical requirements for the registration of pesticides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses/workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of provisions on transparency; - Recognition of equivalence and regionalization; - Harmonization; - Risk assessment; - International standards on phytosanitary measures. - Training of technical experts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection, sampling, and testing methods; - Plant pest risk analysis; - Plant quarantine treatment and fumigation; - Surveillance, survey programs and risk assessment systems; - Phytosanitary procedures (including plant quarantine harmonization); - Pest-Free Areas; - Low-Pest prevalence Areas; - Pest surveillance systems. 	<p><u>Soft infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various SPS related software. - Reviewing and updating of plant quarantine laws and regulations. - Strengthening of the regulatory framework for Plant Protection and Quarantine. - Training courses/workshops on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic entomology, pathology, nematology and stock products; - Principles of phytosanitary measures; - Seeds health testing techniques; - Diagnosis of plant pests; - Pesticides residue analysis; - Pesticides registration; - Post-entry plant quarantine procedures; - Safety evaluation and testing techniques - Handling of GMOs. <p><u>Hard infrastructure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building of plant quarantine stations at entry points. - Installation of post-quarantine centres, greenhouses, etc. - Supply laboratory testing equipment and testing reagents (PCR for virus diseases etc.). - Heat Treatment and fumigation facilities. - Establishment of plant quarantine laboratories. - Laboratory equipment. - Pesticides residue analysis equipment. 	Establishment of a laboratory for the testing of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)	