

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SUMMARY OF THE REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE
ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

1. At its 10-11 November 1999 meeting, the SPS Committee agreed that the Summary of the replies to the questionnaire on technical assistance would be regularly updated. All Members were invited to submit information on their technical assistance activities for inclusion in a revised document to be circulated for the regular meetings.
2. The Secretariat received the attached reply to the questionnaire from Jordan.

TABLE 1				
Technical assistance received since 1 January 1995:				
Sector	Description of particular programme	Form of assistance	Provided by	Contacts
Food safety	<p>1. Project RAB/96/001: follow-up to Uruguay Round – Support in the fields of Quality and Information – Related Aspects of the Agreements of TBT and SPS.</p> <p>One of the project's objectives was to create awareness on the SPS obligations and benefits including the information obligations (establishment of an Enquiry Point and notifications).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical expertise: one consultancy mission on the needs regarding information and assistance to implement the provisions of the SPS Agreement, and advise on ways to benefit from the provisions of the Agreement. - Training: two Arab regional seminars on SPS provisions were conducted. - One PC, one photocopier and one fax machine were provided for the Information Centre at Jordan Institution for Standards & Metrology. 	ITC/UNDP	<p>jjism@nic.net.jo Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology</p>
	<p>2. Development of national regulations on food safety: Transport of Chilled and Frozen Food.</p>	Technical expertise	USA/USAID: AMIR – Jordan	<p>Dr. Ahmad Bermawi Fax: + 962 (6) 5688286 Ministry of Health/Food Safety Directorate</p>
Animal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment - Developing national regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Advice 	Australia USA, Germany	<p>Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Ministry of Agriculture</p>
Plant health	Developing national regulations	Advice	USA, Germany	<p>Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Ministry of Agriculture</p>

TABLE 2 Technical assistance requested since 1 January 1995:							
Sector	Description of particular programme	Form of assistance	Requested from	Status ¹			Contacts
				C	O	N	
Food safety	AMIR Project (Access Microfinance & Improved Implementation of Policy Reform): One of the project's objectives is to assist Jordan in meeting the WTO obligations and commitments including the SPS requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance in streamlining border inspection on food and providing training on border control. - Assistance in development of Jordanian Standards on shelf life of foodstuff. - Assistance in assessing the status of existing mandatory food standards to be voluntary standards or technical regulations. 	USA/USAID: AMIR – Jordan	X			jism@nic.net.jo Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology
Animal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk assessment - Enquiry point and notification Infrascture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvement of veterinary Laboratory capacity - Improvement of veterinary Quarantine capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing national regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Training, equipment Advice, technical expertise, grants - Advice 	Australia, USA, Switzerland USA, EU EU, Australia, USA, Switzerland USA, Germany		X	X	Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Ministry of Agriculture

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Plant health	- Risk assessment	- Training	Australia, USA, Switzerland		X		Zakariam@moa.gov.jo
	- Enquiry point and notification	- Training, equipment	USA, EU		X		Zakariam@moa.gov.jo
	Infrastructure: - Improvement of Plant Laboratory capacity	Advice, technical expertise, grants	EU, Australia, USA, Switzerland			X	Zakariam@moa.gov.jo Ministry of Agriculture
	- Developing national regulations	Advice	USA, Germany		X		
Food safety	- Imported food control	- Workshops/Training (From Oct. 2000)	USA/USAID Amir/Jordan		O		Dr. Ahmad Barmawi Fax: + 962 6 5688286
	- Risk analysis for food	- Workshops/Tech. training (From Oct. 2000)	USAID/Amir/Jordan		X		Ministry of Health
	- Microbiological & chemical testing, sampling and implementation of chemical contaminants in foods monitoring programme.	- Training/Workshops Seminars (From Jan. 2000)	USAID/Amir/Jordan				Food Safety Directorate
	- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point systems (HACCP)	- Workshops/Training	EU, USA			X	
	- Establishing an information system to streamline the import control procedures.	- Training on computers Evaluation of computer needs (From Nov. 2000)	USA/Amir/Jordan		X		

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