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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Submission by the Philippines

Addendum

<b>Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:</b>					
	<b>Information</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)</b>	<b>Specific concern</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement:</b>	Workshop on SPS for Extension Officers, researchers and farmer representatives.	Training on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risk assessment / analysis</li> <li>- Transparency</li> <li>- Equivalence</li> </ul>		Regular participation in the work of standards-setting bodies and the WTO SPS Committee  Programme to upgrade / update skills and knowledge of staff on SPS  Ensuring compliance with WTO agreements and provisions relative to standardization and quality control, inspection and approval procedures	
<b>Food safety</b>			<u>Hard</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field equipment and physical systems with analytical food laboratory</li> </ul>		
<b>Animal health</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of electronic system for issuance of import / export permits</li> <li>2. Development of electronic disease surveillance information system</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Risk analysis</li> <li>2. WTO/SPS policies</li> </ol>	<u>Hard</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Computers and accessories</li> <li>2. Office equipment</li> <li>3. Vehicles</li> </ol> <u>Soft</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application software</li> <li>2. Office automation, GIS, @risk, statistical package</li> </ol>	Due to lack of funds, in several instances the Philippines is not able to send representative(s) to WTO/SPS meetings. It is recommended that WTO generate funds to support delegations from developing countries in attending WTO/SPS meetings.	

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<b>Plant health</b>	<p>Conferences / Seminars / Workshops on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Principles of plant quarantine (PQ) as related to international trade;</li> <li>2. Procedures on determination and application of substantial equivalence and appropriate level of SPS measures / protection;</li> <li>3. Design / set-up / development of PQ pest database;</li> <li>4. Formulation / recommendation on inspection strategies;</li> <li>5. Phytosanitary capacity evaluation;</li> </ol>	<p>Training on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PRA / Assessment Process and Production Methods;</li> <li>2. Components of survey and monitoring systems for the purpose of pest detection and the supply of information for use in PRA, establishment of pest-free areas and preparation of pest lists (dev't of PQ pest database);</li> <li>3. Relevant inspection, sampling, testing methods and treatment procedures;</li> <li>4. Setting up of system for information exchange (global);</li> </ol>	<p><u>Hard</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rehabilitation of building / greenhouse, vehicle and equipment for all major ports;</li> <li>2. Establishment of biotechnology laboratory equipped with facilities for disease diagnosis and development of resistant HYV (on fibre crops);</li> <li>3. Establishment of the fibre standards laboratory.</li> </ol> <p><u>Soft</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishment of system of procedures for PRA;</li> <li>2. Formulation of guidelines on PQ systems based on IPPC standards;</li> <li>3. Development of PQ Operation Manual;</li> </ol>		

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	<p>6. PQ in relation to the Cartagena Protocol, Convention on Biological Diversity, and Codex Alimentarius;</p> <p>7. Harmonization of phytosanitary measures;</p> <p>8. Standardization of quarantine protocols and measures/safeguards;</p> <p>9. Setting up of system for information exchange (networking – local / national and international);</p> <p>10. Seminar / workshop for regulatory personnel, exporters, processors, traders, etc. on fibre quality management and standardization</p>	<p>5. Pests diagnostic and detection techniques;</p> <p>6. Antisera production for virus disease detection;</p> <p>7. Biotechnology methods and techniques;</p> <p>8. Handling and monitoring of GMOs, GM products and by-products.</p> <p>9. Training / workshops on fibre standards and quality management</p> <p>10. Improvement of protocol, arbitration and recall system for fibre exportation (hiring of experts on export and procedures, documentation and arbitration systems).</p>	<p>4. Setting up of PQ standards;</p> <p>5. Evaluation of PQ system;</p> <p>6. Development of expertise of PQ Officers on PRA;</p> <p>7. Information technology – computer skills in the application of software useful for PRA;</p> <p>8. Establishment of computerized pest records retrieval through internet and inter-agency linkage through networking;</p> <p>9. Upgraded system of fibre quality control systems (hiring of experts on computerized system of fibre characterization);</p> <p>10. Upgrading the skills of personnel and the facilities for fibre quality and standards formulation and standardization.</p>		

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*(Such information could include, inter alia, a more detailed description of the technical assistance required, any relevant background information on the reasons for the request, the possibility of using a regional approach to the provision of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organizations.)*

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