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Information on the Progress of Action Plan for Harmonization of the National Legislation
of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Sanitary and Epidemiological Safety,
Veterinary and Plant Health with the Provisions of the WTO Agreement on
Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for 2004-2006

Revision

The following submission, dated 14 November 2005, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Item No.	Term (year, quarter)	Measure Name	Implementation
January – October 2005			
I. Food Safety			
1.	During the year	Harmonization of top-priority documents of sanitary and epidemiological system standardization of the Republic of Kazakhstan with International standards.	Harmonization of 50 top priority sanitary rules, hygiene standards and laboratory methods of controls with international standards, and their state registration in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan has been done.
2.	During the year	Gradual harmonization of laboratory control methods with top-priority index of introducing goods.	
3.	During the year	Modernization of laboratories of sanitary and epidemiological service.	Measures on modernization of sanitary and epidemiological expertise centres of regions, the city of republican importance (Almaty), the capital will be performed by means of special transfers from the Republican Budget within a period from 2006 to 2009, including but not limited to the funds of KZT 1,703,500 provided for 2006.
4.	During the year	Establishment of reference-laboratories on the basis of the Republic sanitary and epidemiologic station on: - determination of maximum allowable concentration of harmful substances in food products; - diagnostics of bacterial and viral infections, including extrahazardous and new infections.	In 2005 for the establishment of reference-laboratories on the basis of the Republican Sanitary and Epidemiological Station (RSES) there were provided KZT 44,350. On the basis of the RSES multifunctional reference-laboratory by the decree of the Minister of Health Care of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 29 June 2005, registered under No. 309 has been established. Tender procedures have been implemented, contracts concluded for the delivery of the 38 items of laboratory equipment.
5.	2-3 quarter of 2005	Establishment of sanitary and quarantine stations on the borders of the Republic of Kazakhstan.	This year, 24 sanitary and epidemiologic stations for control action of passengers, carriages, train staff, vehicles, loads, performing any hazard for population health in the places of crossing the border of the Republic of Kazakhstan have been established.

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6.	During the year	Training the sanitary-epidemiological service specialists.	<p>Within the framework of sanitary and epidemiological staff training, Centre of Disease Control of Healthcare and Social Protection Department of the USA (CDC) organized and implemented courses on applied epidemiology.</p> <p>Also RGKP "High School of Public Health Protection" of the Ministry of Healthcare in cooperation with Program of Food Safety in Europe, World Health Organization and UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) organized and held training seminars for specialists in the following learning modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - risk analysis and system of critical point risk analysis as the risk management method; - foodstuff legislation; - food microbiology and laboratory methods; - epidemiological supervision over diseases of food origin; and - monitoring of food chemical contamination and laboratory methods.
II. Veterinary			
7.	During the year	<p>Harmonization with International requirements and recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Instructional guidelines on diagnostics of zoonous infectious diseases; and 2) The rules of identification of markets and organizations, dealing with production and realization of products and raw materials of animal origin. 	<p>At present, veterinary laboratories apply diagnostic tests recommended by International Epizootic Bureau (IEB). Within the framework of the Ministry of Agriculture instructional guidelines for laboratory diagnostics of zoonous infectious diseases of 11 February 2005 have been adopted. It provides for special tests appointed for procedures of international commerce, such as ELISA and IFA.</p> <p>The analysis of the acting regulatory legal act "The rules of identification markets, organizations dealing with production, provision (slaughtering) of animals, storage, rendering and realization of products and raw materials of animal origin, veterinary medicine, feeding stuff and feed additives" for harmonization with International requirements has been held. Changes and Addenda for corresponding regulatory legal acts will be introduced and approved by the decree of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the first quarter of 2006.</p>

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8.	During the year	Development of veterinary standards of risk assessment of safety of animal origin products in accordance with international requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Veterinary standards of contents of phosphor-organic, chloral-organic pesticides and salines of heavy metals in the animal origin products; 2) Veterinary standards of contents of radio nuclides in animal origin products; and 3) Veterinary standards of contents antibiotics, bio-stimulants and hormonal agents in animal origin products. 	In GU "National Centre for Monitoring, Reference and Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology of Veterinary", the work of development of regulatory-legal standards in the sector of technical management on safety of produce is being carried out, which shall include veterinary standards on storage of phosphor-organic and chloral-organic pesticides, salines of heavy metal, radio nuclides, antibiotics, bio stimulants and hormonal agents in produce of animal origin. In the second part of 2006 the regulatory-legal acts will be approved by the Order of Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
9.	During the year	Equipment of the state institution "National Centre for Monitoring, Reference, Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary Medicine".	In accordance with the State Agriculture and Food Program for 2003-2005 by the method of quotations, laboratory equipment for GU "National Centre for Monitoring, Reference, Laboratory Diagnostics and Methodology in Veterinary Medicine liquid chromatograph, atom-absorbing spectrometer, laminar box, microscopes, distillers, thermostats, freeze-drier, low-temperature fridge), laboratory furniture, office equipment and other things on the sum of KZT 20,809.9 million have been purchased.
III. Plant Health			
10.	During the year	Preparation of documents and carrying out procedures on joining The International Convention of Plants Protection.	The draft Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan about joining The International Convention of Plants Protection with concurrence with concerned ministries have been elaborated and circulated among ministries and agencies for proposals and coordination.
11.	During the year	Carrying out sampling under quarantine examination and expertise in accordance with international requirements.	Currently, the analysis of sampling methods under quarantine examination and expertise in accordance with international requirements is being carried out, and according to its results, the amendments will be made in relevant GOSTs in the 1st quarter of 2006.
12.	During the year	Increase in number of personnel of state inspectors on quarantine of plants for 592 units.	274 quarantine inspectors have been appointed, 146 from those were appointed for enhancement of work of border checkpoints.

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13.	During the year	Maintenance and material-technical equipment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Republican quarantine laboratories; and - Republican introductory-quarantine nurseries. 	In accordance with State Agriculture and Food Program for 2003-2005: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GU "Republican Quarantine Laboratory" was equipped with modern equipment for the sum of KZT 14.7 million; - The Republican Introductory Quarantine Nursery for small fruits was equipped with the modern equipment with the total value of KZT 4.6 million; and - Republican introduction-quarantine nursery for grain was equipped with the modern equipment with the total value of KZT 9.8.
14.	During the year	Training of state inspectors on quarantine of plants on the base of scientific institutions of the Russian Federation.	For education and training of state inspectors on plant health on the base of scientific institutions of the Russian Federation, the calculations on the necessary funding for including into Republic Budget Program on bringing the state program of plants health provision of the Republic of Kazakhstan into compliance with international sanitary and phytosanitary measures WTO for 2006 have been prepared.
15.	During the year	Retraining and skill upgrading of the inspectors on quarantine of plants on the base of the Republican Quarantine Laboratory (Almaty).	On the basis of the Republican Quarantine Laboratory, the courses of training and skill upgrading of 14 specialists have been held. Currently, more 14 state inspectors of the border checkpoints on plant health of Almaty Oblast-Territory Department of Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan are being trained.