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

Revision

The following submission, dated 22 April 2008, is being circulated at the request of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).

Issues	Actions	Implementation Timeframe	Technical Assistance provided/sought
1. <u>Food Safety</u>	Draft Regulation on the implementation of the Food Law in accordance with the SPS Agreement to be finalized	2008	Training
	Regulation on food control system to be drafted	2008	Drafting the regulation and Guidelines, training
	Regulation on food additives to be drafted	2009	Drafting of regulation
	Adopting Codex Alimentarius Standards for Lao PDR	2009	Selecting necessary standards, training
	Establishment of an independent food laboratory	2010	Design, training, equipment
	Improving food processing by introducing food hygiene practice, GMP	2010	Training, developing guidelines
2. <u>Animal Health</u>	Draft on Veterinary Law to be amended in order to ensure compliance with SPS Agreement	2009	Updating the draft
	Decree on inspection of live animals at import and transit	2009	Drafting the Decree
	Decree on Animal Quarantine	2009	Drafting the Decree
	Establishment of a diagnostic laboratory	2010	Design, training, equipment
	Decree on Zoonotic Diseases Control	2009	Drafting the Decree
	Establishment of pest and disease free areas	2010	Planning and execution
3. <u>Plant Health</u>	Law on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine to be drafted	2010	Drafting the Law
	Updating the Regulation on Plant Quarantine	2011	Drafting the up-dates
	Regulation on Plant Inspection and Certification	2011	Drafting the regulation
	Establishment of a laboratory on plant diseases and pests	2010	Design, training, equipment
	Establishment of pest and disease free areas	2010	Planning and execution

Note: The above transition strategy for the implementation of Agreement on the application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures is expected to be achieved by 2012 based on technical assistance and national capacity.

Technical assistance on SPS is being elaborated under a multi-donor trust fund, the Trade Development Facility, under the Integrated Framework. The key components of the project are the strengthening of SPS capacity, focussing on:

- (i) strengthening SPS institutional, legal and regulatory framework;
- (ii) determining risk-based policies and control measures for SPS; and
- (iii) strengthening the role of the private sector in the SPS regime.