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CHECKLIST OF ILLUSTRATIVE SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) ISSUES FOR  
CONSIDERATION IN ACCESSIONS

A FOLLOW-UP SPS ACTION PLAN

*Addendum*

The following submission, dated 30 October 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Liberia.

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### A Follow-up SPS Action Plan for the Checklist of Illustrative SPS Issues for Consideration in Accessions

Category	Specific action	Timeframe	Status
<b>Legislation</b>			
- Animal Health	(1) Animal Disease Law to be revised. (2) Livestock Identification and Traceability Act to be developed. (3) Animal specification Quarantine Act to be developed. (4) Plant & Animal Quarantine Act to be revised.	2015	Laws are being drafted
- Plant Health	(1) Plant Quarantine Law (Rules and regulations which supports the act) to be developed. (2) Agro Chemical Environmental Protection Act to be developed.	2015	Laws are being drafted
- Food Safety	(1) Fishery Document to be completed. (2) Document on the organization and operation of the National Standard Laboratory to be further developed.	2015	Laws are being drafted
<b>Other guidelines or policies</b>			
	(1) Food and Agriculture Policy and Strategy (2) National Livestock Policy. (3) Rules & regulations on the implementation of the Plant & Animal Quarantine Act. (4) Fish Product Inspection Manual.	2015	Laws are being drafted
<b>Other actions for operational framework</b>			
- Animal Health	Animal Health Training of 35 Veterinary Assistant.  2 <sup>nd</sup> Validation workshop on National Livestock Policy.  Development of the Veterinary Laboratory through the Bee Health Project.	From September to November, 2013  February 2014  From February to April 2014	Performed with International Consultancy (Land O' Lake USDA)  Completed  Performed with International Consultancy (EU/ICIPE/AU-IBAR)
- Plant Health	Regulations and procedures on import permits being revised.	The Liberian Government is committed to the activities mentioned herein. It is currently being planned. When concluded, a timeframe will be communicated to Members as soon as possible.	Technical Assistance (TA) is needed to set up an electronic system for import permits and certification (both plant and animal health, both imports and exports).

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- Food Safety	<p>Development of National Standards Laboratory, completion of accreditation process.</p> <p>Completion of Bureau of National Fisheries Laboratory.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Construction works to begin November 2014 (Project is affected by Ebola outbreak).</p>	<p>TA and financing is needed for procuring additional equipment, training of lab staff and completion of the accreditation process.</p> <p>TA is needed</p>
- Transparency and risk assessment, harmonization, equivalence	<p>Awareness raising activities on the Action Plan for SPS, the operation of the National SPS Committee and the operation of the SPS National Enquiry Point and SPS National Notification Authority (for the Public and for Parliament and other Ministries).</p> <p>Training of staff and equipment for SPS National Enquiry Point and National Notification Authority.</p> <p>Workshop on risk assessment, harmonization, equivalence and how to base SPS-related legislation on international standards for staff involved in formulating legislation at Ministries of Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Health and Justice and for staff involved in National SPS Committee.</p>	<p>The Liberian Government is committed to the activities mentioned herein. It is currently being planned. When concluded, a timeframe will be communicated to Members as soon as possible.</p>	<p>TA is needed</p>