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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Submission by the Dominican Republic

Addendum

<b>Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:</b>					
	<b>Information</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)</b>	<b>Specific concerns</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement</b>	<p>Improve the dissemination of the SPS Agreement in the various sectors, with emphasis on rights and obligations.</p> <p>Induction seminar/workshop for the private sector on WTO and the international trading system.</p>	<p>Courses, workshops, seminars, lectures.</p> <p>National or regional technical courses on risk analysis and regionalization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of personnel to work on the revision and preparation of legislation and standards.</li> <li>• Training of personnel and consultants to implement systems, select and operate laboratory equipment and software, and carry out surveillance.</li> <li>• <b>Soft:</b> Training of technical personnel in control and inspection, and HACCP procedures.</li> </ul>	<p>Creation of a technical unit for the dissemination of the SPS Agreement, which has access to a network interconnecting the various institutions.</p> <p>Advice on national regulatory frameworks relating to food safety and sanitary measures.</p>	
<b>Food safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of national food safety standards.</li> <li>• Use of GAPs, GMPs and HACCPs.</li> <li>• Establishment of an information system on national and international standards and regulations.</li> <li>• Establishment of a registration and follow-up system for SPS notifications.</li> <li>• Good livestock practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses, workshops and seminars on good agricultural practices, good manufacturing practices and HACCPs.</li> <li>• Courses, workshops and seminars on international standards for pesticide residues and the practical application thereof.</li> <li>• Training in pesticide formulation and residue analysis.</li> <li>• Seminar on drug residues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of a national food safety programme established in the Codex and in national standards.</li> <li>• Establishment of a national network of food safety laboratories.</li> <li>• Establishment of a quarantine system for the safety of fresh food.</li> <li>• Application of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system (HACCP).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and assistance regarding technical standards on the transparency of SPS regulations, and control, inspection and approval procedures.</li> <li>• Training on GAPs, HACCPs and GMPs.</li> <li>• Personnel training in risk analysis.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Plant health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved knowledge of the IPPC, its functions and standards, and ways in which it can be of assistance.</li> <li>Preparation of national databases and access to international phytosanitary databases.</li> <li>Improve plant quarantine services and infrastructure.</li> <li>Education and training of technical personnel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lectures, talks and courses involving IPPC experts.</li> <li>Courses for database personnel.</li> <li>Programming course on plant quarantine.</li> <li>Courses on pest and disease risk analysis and surveillance systems.</li> <li>Courses on identifying areas which are free from, or have a low prevalence of, pests and disease.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating and harmonization of laws with the country's commitments under the SPS Agreement.</li> <li>Preparation of phytosanitary standards and regulations in accordance with international IPPC standards.</li> <li>Improvement of phytosanitary surveillance programmes.</li> <li>Improvement and equipping of phytosanitary diagnostic laboratories.</li> <li>Installation of computers for the storage of technical information and database management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the harmonization of SPS measures with trading partners.</li> <li>Development of phytosanitary standards.</li> <li>Training in pest and disease risk analysis.</li> <li>Training and refresher training of plant quarantine technical personnel.</li> </ul>	
<b>Animal health</b>	Training on OIE and quarantine measures.	<p>Course on best laboratory practice methods in processing plants.</p> <p>Training on the sanitary information system and surveillance methods.</p>	<p><b>Soft:</b> Updating of animal health laws and regulations.</p> <p><b>Soft:</b> Training of veterinary surgeons in epidemiology and the epidemiological surveillance system, and training of veterinary surgeons and field personnel in surveillance activities and sampling for transmission to diagnostic laboratories.</p>	<p>Establish consumer education programmes and voluntary notification programmes for producers.</p> <p>Regional harmonization and updating of sanitary systems.</p>	<p>Support in strengthening the National Codex Committee and the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.</p> <p>Development of the Laboratory Services Assessment System.</p>

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<b>Animal health</b>		Seminar/workshop on quarantine procedures. Training in certification and inspection of imports and exports.	<p><b>Soft:</b> Assessment and improvement of quarantine legislation, training in pest risk analysis and phytosanitary treatment and inspection, and updating of legislation.</p> <p><b>Hard:</b> Establishment of basic inspection and treatment installations, capacity building and improvement of the structure of phytosanitary protection.</p>	Regional harmonization and updating of sanitary and phytosanitary systems.	Strengthening of emergency programmes through timely notification.
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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 organisations.)*