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Information on the Progress of the Plan of Action of the Republic of Kazakhstan
to Bring the Existing Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare, Veterinary and Plants Quarantine
System in Conformity with the Provisions of the WTO Agreement on the Application of
Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in 2004-2006

The following submission, dated 27 May 2005, is being circulated at the request of the
Delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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| 2004 | | | |
| I. General organizational activities | | | |
| 1. | Quarter 1 | Single Enquiry Point on TBT/SPS was created for interaction with the WTO Members on TBT and SPS measures | Single Enquiry Point on TBT/SPS was created by the tripartite joint order of the Ministry of Industry and Trade (No. 145 as of 16 June 2004), Ministry of Agriculture (No. 327 as of 23 June 2004) and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan (No. 528 as of 7 July 2004) "On Creation of the Single Enquiry point for Interaction with the WTO Members on Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures". |
| II. Ensuring the sanitary and epidemiological safety of population | | | |
| 2. | Quarter 4 | Amendments and addenda to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Sanitary and Epidemiological Safety of Population" | <p>Ministry of Health of RK elaborated and submitted to the Government of RK draft law "On Making Amendments and Addenda to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare".</p> <p>To assess the conformity of the draft law with the requirements of the WTO Agreement on SPS international experts of the WTO Secretariat and UNCTAD were involved, they gave a satisfactory assessment of the draft law.</p> |
| 3. | Quarter 4 | Defining the list of the first priority products, which require upgrade of tools and equipment. Defining the list and deadlines of opening of profile laboratories requiring sanitary regulation. | <p>These activities were outlined in the Plan of Measures to Implement the National Program on Health Protection Reforming and Development in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2005-2010 approved by Government Resolution No. 1050 of 13 October 2004.</p> <p>They elaborated the draft model nomenclature of laboratory tests at various levels of national sanitary-epidemiological expert examination in accordance with international standards, featuring the list of products to be tested.</p> <p>In 2005 it is planned to create a reference laboratory for diagnosis of bacterial and viral infections on the account of the national budget on the basis of the Kazakh Scientific Centre on Quarantine and Zoonotic Infections and the National Sanitary-Epidemiological Station.</p> |

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| 4. | Quarter 3-4 | Systematization of the national documents on sanitary-epidemiological standardizing regulating the requirements to quality and safety of goods in circulation. | <p>Documents on sanitary-epidemiological standardizing were systemized. By 2010 it is planned to elaborate 210 first priority standards (norms). Since 2005 onward 35 first priority standards (norms) will be elaborated every year.</p> <p>In development of standards they take into account the food product hygiene related general principles of Code Alimentarius, European Union's directives, ISO, as well as treaties on sanitary-epidemiological safety of population and food product safety.</p> |
| 2.2. Equipping laboratories, training and re-training personnel | | | |
| 5. | Quarter 4 | Assessment of the material and technical condition of the existing sanitary-epidemiological service laboratories. | These activities were outlined in the Plan of Measures to Implement the National Program on Health Protection Reforming and Development in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2005-2010 approved by Government Resolution No. 1050 of 13 October 2004. As the result of the market research to assess the condition of the material and technical base of the sanitary-epidemiological laboratories, it is planned to upgrade 16 oblast, national cities and capital level sanitary-epidemiological expert centres, and 184 rayon level sanitary-epidemiological expert centres on the account of direct transfers from the national budget in the period of 2006-2009. |
| 6. | During the year | <p>Training the sanitary-epidemiological service specialists in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organization of national sanitary-epidemiological supervision of goods circulation at all phases; - organization and implementation of epidemiological supervision with the purpose to assess the risk of appearance of infectious, parasitic and somatic diseases and poisonings; - international practice in standardizing, certification and metrology; - organization of profile and complex laboratory tests (researches). | <p>Kazakh School of Public Health Protection, Program of Food Safety in Europe, World Health Organization in cooperation with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organized and hold two-year training. <p>This project provides for training of public health protection specialists from the Central Asian countries and Kazakhstan in the following learning modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - food product legislation; - food microbiology and laboratory methods; - epidemiological supervision over diseases of food origin; - monitoring of food chemical contamination and laboratory methods; - risk analysis and system of critical point risk analysis as the risk management method. |

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| III. Veterinary | | | |
| 3.1. Equipping laboratories, training and re-training personnel | | | |
| 7 | During the year | Material and technical equipment of the state enterprise "National Centre for Monitoring of Laboratory Diagnostics Reference and Methodology in Veterinary". | Subject to the National Agrarian Food Program for 2003-2005 in 2004 the State Enterprise "National Centre for Monitoring of Laboratory Diagnostics Reference and Methodology in Veterinary" purchased on bid basis 29 items of laboratory equipment, laboratory furniture, office furniture and equipment for the total of 17,118 million tenge (US\$ 128,700). They purchased Niva car based mobile laboratory. |
| 8 | During the year | Training specialists in the State Enterprise "National Center for Monitoring of Laboratory Diagnostics Reference and Methodology in Veterinary" (Astana City). | With the purpose to learn new methods of diagnosis of infectious animal diseases they held workshops in the "National Veterinary Laboratory", Astana City, involving 68 leading national scientists and veterinary laboratory specialists in August 2004. Tow persons also had been taught by the principle of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) in Ulken Balyk Ltd and Karatal Balyk Ltd in Kirov village, Astana City. |
| 9 | During the year | Training specialists in the All-Russia Research Institute on Certification and Standardizing of Veterinary Medicines (Moscow City) | |
| IV. Plant quarantine | | | |
| 4.1. Organizational activities | | | |
| 10 | Quarter 1, 2004 | Joining the Convention on Creation of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization made in Paris on 18 April 1951 | Government Resolution No. 262 "On Joining the Convention on Creation of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization" of 3 March 2004 was adopted. |
| 11 | During the year | Preparation of documents and implementing procedures required for joining the International Plant Protection Convention | Ministry of Agriculture of RK is preparing the documents and implementing the procedures required for joining the International Plant Protection Convention. |
| 4.2. Equipping laboratories, training and re-training personnel | | | |
| 12 | During the year | Maintenance and material-technical equipping of: - national quarantine laboratories; - national introduction-quarantine nursery farms. | Subject to the National Agrarian Food Program for 2003-2005 the national quarantine laboratory was equipped with up-to-date equipment. The national introduction-quarantine farm of fruits was equipped for the total 865,000 tenge (US\$ 6,500); the national introduction-quarantine farm of crops was equipped for the total 5,224 tenge (US\$ 39,300). |
| 13 | During the year | Re-training and advanced training of plant quarantine inspectors in the national quarantine laboratory (Almaty City). | During 2004 over 40 plant quarantine specialists have been trained in the national quarantine laboratory. |