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### Action Plan for the Implementation of the SPS Agreement

#### Revision

The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia has submitted the following revised Action Plan for the Implementation of the SPS Agreement by Cambodia, with the request that it be circulated to the Working Party.

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Action Plan on SPS Agreement

Year	Steps/ Measures/ Activities	Technical Assistance Provided or Sought
<b>Prior and 2001</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sub-decree No. 54 dated 22 September 1997 on the delegation of responsibilities among other tasks to ensure product quality and safety including food products.</li> <li>- Prakas No. 12 dated 13 January 1998 on the Appointment of the role of ensuring food safety including food control at the import-export level and related frauds.</li> <li>- Prakas No. 329 MOC/M99 on pre-packed food labeling.</li> <li>- Sub-decree No. 5 dated 3 February 1998 on the establishment of the Inter-ministerial Committee for coordinating the control of quality and safety of products and services.</li> <li>- Law on the Management of Quality and Safety of Products and Services (promulgated by Reach Kram No. NS/RKM/0600/001 dated 21 June 2000).</li> <li>- Sub-decree No. 28 dated 9 March 2001 on the establishment of the National Codex Committee (NCC) and its Secretariat.</li> <li>- Prakas No. 357/MOC dated 31 December 2001 on the establishment of the Technical Working Groups (TWG) for the National Codex Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food Safety regulations (technical assistance provided by FAO, France, New Zealand).</li> <li>- Food Standards (technical assistance provided by FAO).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improvement of understanding of WTO rules and SPS agreement jointly in the inter ministerial committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNCTAD provided assistance in the preparation of the ACC/4 and ACC/8.</li> </ul>
<b>2002</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening the implementation of Codex Alimentarius by means of: (i) holding regular meetings of the NCC and TWGs; (ii) establishing Codex Unit in every ministry concerned to provide effective inputs and proactive participation to the Codex works; and (iii) developing and updating the Codex Library.</li> <li>- Improvement of the operation of the chemical and microbiological food analysis laboratory at Camcontrol Department.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The European Union pledged TA in 2001, but not yet implemented.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision of existing regulations Sub-decree No. 14 (1988) on Animal Sanitary and Sub-decree No. 98 (1983) on Phytosanitary to ensure compliance with the SPS Agreement.</li> <li>- Circulation of revised draft Sub-decrees No. 14 and 98 for MAFF to review.</li> <li>- Training needs assessment on management and implementation of SPS Agreement.</li> <li>- Establishment of SPS Enquiry Point by the decision of the Council of Ministers (notification letter No. 1093 dated 26 July 2002).</li> <li>- Set up information system and database management.</li> <li>- Design plant pest and animal disease surveillance and control program.</li> <li>- Design pest and disease control program.</li> <li>- Establishment of plant pest and FMD free zone.</li> <li>- Establishing Plant and Animal Quarantine Station.</li> <li>- Training on risk analysis.</li> <li>- Implementing specific technical training programs in SPS in particular: (1) Plant Quarantine Measures; (2) Animal Quarantine Measures; (3) Laboratory Diagnostic and Product Testing; (4) Plant and Animal Quarantine.</li> <li>- Drafting a Sub-decree on Food Hygiene, including storage requirement and microbiological requirements (first draft prepared).</li> <li>- Sub-Decree on Plant Quarantine was adopted by the Council of Ministers on 14 February 2003.</li> <li>- Sub-Decree on Sanitary Inspection of Animal and Animal Products was adopted by the Council of Ministers on 14 February 2003.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ad-hoc expertise on animal quarantine and plant quarantine was provided by international experts under the WB Agriculture Productivity Improvement Project (APIP).</li> <li>- New Zealand Assistance provided for a meeting of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam on planning and implementing capacity building on SPS.</li> <li>- UNCTAD Assistance in answering the questions and the preparation of the Action Plan on SPS.</li> </ul>

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<b>2003</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operation of SPS Enquiry Point: training of personnel, procurement of necessary equipment.</li> <li>- Proficiency testing for food microbiological and hygiene towards MRA'S in the region.</li> <li>- Drafting a Sub-decree on Food Safety Standards on Additives (Sweeteners, Colours, Flavours, Preservatives and Antioxidants).</li> <li>- Drafting a Sub-decree on Food Inspection administration.</li> <li>- Drafting a Sub-decree on Food Safety Standards on Environmental Contaminants.</li> <li>- Drafting a Sub-decree on Food Safety Standards on Agricultural Chemicals: Pesticide Residues.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Fresh Vegetables and Processed Vegetables.</li> <li>- Drafting regulation on Safety Requirements for Fresh Fruits and Processed Fruits.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Cereals Pulses and Legumes.</li> <li>- Drafting Guidelines on Assurance of Seafood Quality.</li> <li>- Proficiency testing for food chemical analysis toward MRA'S in the region.</li> <li>- Capacity building for key Camcontrol, NCC, and TWGs personnel on the implementation of the above regulations.</li> <li>- Updating the Codex Library.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experts on Enquiry Point.</li> <li>- Expert on chemical analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expert on microbiological analysis of food product.</li> <li>- Law enforcement experts.</li> <li>- Technical and legal experts on food products and food standards.</li> <li>- Expert on Food Import Control.</li> <li>- Expert on seafood quality assurance.</li> <li>- Lab equipments.</li> <li>- ST or LT training programs, including overseas familiarization missions.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafting registration procedures and implementation of registration for cosmetic products.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert on drafting regulations on cosmetic registration.</li> <li>- Expert on laboratory for pharmaceutical analysis.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building for key Camcontrol, MAFF and MoH personnel on the implementation of the above regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ST or LT training programs, including overseas familiarization missions.</li> <li>- Laboratory equipment and reagents for food analysis, plant pest and animal microbiological analysis.</li> <li>- provision of rapid testing kits for a food quality, plant pest and pathogenic materials assessment.</li> </ul>

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<b>2004</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Drinking Water and Natural Mineral Water.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Edible Ice.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Sugar.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Fat and Oil.</li> <li>- Drafting Guidelines for Food Products Certification (for exports).</li> <li>- Capacity building for key Camcontrol, NCC, and TWGs personnel on the implementation of the above regulations.</li> <li>- Updating the Codex Library.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert on chemical analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expert on microbiological analysis of food product.</li> <li>- Technical and legal experts on food products and food standards.</li> <li>- Expert on food product certification scheme (for export).</li> <li>- ST or LT training programs, need and oversea familiarization missions.</li> <li>- Laboratory equipment and reagents for food analysis, plant pest and animal microbiological analysis.</li> <li>- Provision of rapid testing kits for a food quality, plant pest and pathogenic materials assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>2005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafting Regulations for Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirements for Fresh Milk and Processed Milk Products.</li> <li>- Drafting Regulations on Safety Requirement for Frozen Food.</li> <li>- Capacity building for key Camcontrol, NCC, and TWGs personnel on the implementation of the above regulations.</li> <li>- Updating the Codex Library.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert on chemical analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expert on microbiological analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expert on law enforcement.</li> <li>- Technical and legal experts on food products and food standards.</li> <li>- ST or LT training programs, including overseas familiarization missions.</li> <li>- Laboratory equipment and reagents for food analysis, plant pest and animal microbiological analysis.</li> <li>- Provision of rapid testing kits for a food quality, plant pest and pathogenic materials assessment.</li> </ul>

Year	Steps/ Measures/ Activities	Technical Assistance Provided or Sought
<b>2006/ 2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Readjustment of technical regulations, standards and procedures in accordance with new scientific discoveries and approaches.</li> <li>- Working toward accreditation of inspection bodies and testing laboratories.</li> <li>- Capacity building for key Camcontrol, NCC, and TWGs personnel on the implementation of the above regulations.</li> <li>- Updating the Codex Library.</li> <li>- Completing implementation of the SPS Agreement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert on chemical analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expert on microbiological analysis of food products.</li> <li>- Expertise on law enforcement.</li> <li>- Technical and legal experts on food products and food standards.</li> <li>- ST or LT training programs, including overseas familiarization missions.</li> <li>- Laboratory equipment and reagents for food analysis, plant pest and animal microbiological analysis.</li> <li>- Provision of rapid testing kits for a food quality, plant pest and pathogenic materials assessment.</li> </ul>

Note: The Action Plan was developed in coordination by:

- Import/Export Inspection and Fraud Repression Department, Ministry of Commerce (Secretariat of the National Codex Committee);
- Department of Animal Health and Production, Department of Agronomy and Agricultural Land Improvement, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
- Ministry of Health.

Note: This transition strategy may be adjusted depending on the results and successes of the transition plan implementation.

Preparation of Legislation/Technical Regulations for Completing Implementation of the SPS Agreement

Description	Prior and 2002	2003	2004	2005	2006/2007
Law on the Management of Quality and Safety of Product and Service	Adopted (June 2000)				
Sub-decree No. 54, 05, 28	Adopted (1997, 1998, 2001).				
Revised Sub-decrees Animal and Plant Quarantine	Drafts prepared	Submission to the CM for approval			
Prakas No. 12, 329, 357, 131	Adopted (1998, 1999, 2001, 2002)				
Drafting/adoption of specific regulations (Sub-decrees), as specified in the Action Plan		X	X	X	
Completing implementation of the SPS Agreement					X