

## Notes from national task force meeting (II), FAO office, 27 May 2009

### The “big issues” to be covered in SPS Action Plan

Improved management of SPS issues in Cambodia needs:

1. legislation (and regulations) – to set the mandates of the various agencies and define responsibility as competent authorities for certifying quality and safety of products
2. import risk analysis and preparedness to assess risks of imported commodities, draw up a pest list, prepare contingency plans and undertake proactive inspection of high risk imports (sampling and testing) at points of entry
3. good production practices (GAP, IPM, etc) to ensure that producers follow guidelines (on use of agrochemicals, veterinary drugs, etc), and are aware of potential risks, survey for pest and disease at field /primary production facility
4. effective pest, disease and contamination monitoring at key points in food production chain (depending on product, processing facility, slaughterhouse, markets) to establish the compliance of products with international and national standards
5. organised issuing of certificates based on required national and international standards for the inspection and testing of specific traded products, supported by a system of data management
6. a supporting and effective (well resourced) system of institutions at borders, locally, provincially and nationally
7. capacity building across most of the above areas

Need	Requires
<u>legislation (and regulations)</u> – to set the mandates of the various agencies and define responsibility as competent authorities for certifying quality and safety of products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drafting work (in progress)</li> <li>- Adoption of texts</li> </ul>
<u>import risk analysis and preparedness</u> to assess risks of imported commodities, prepare contingency plans and undertake proactive inspection of high risk imports (sampling and testing) at points of entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify import risks for main sectors (animal, fish, plant, food).- include live animal, fish, seeds and planting materials, soil, specified food products for particular countries for particular types of contamination, etc</li> <li>- Conduct point of entry inspections and testing on high risk items</li> </ul>
<u>good production practices (GAP, IPM, etc)</u> to ensure that producers follow guidelines (on use of agrochemicals, veterinary drugs, etc), and are aware of potential risks, survey for pest and disease at primary production facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop and issue guidelines (use of antibiotics, pesticides, other good agricultural or production practices, use of clean water, etc)</li> <li>- Conduct training and communication programme to encourage uptake</li> </ul>
<u>effective pest, disease and contamination monitoring</u> at key points in food production chain (depending on product, processing facility, slaughterhouse, markets) to establish the compliance of products with international and national standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established protocols for sampling, and testing products (sampling method, sample handling to laboratory, sample preparation, testing method)</li> <li>- Trained inspection service staff to follow standard operating procedures in sampling and testing</li> <li>- Diagnostic facilities for identifying <u>new pests or diseases</u></li> <li>- Quarantine facilities (animal)</li> <li>- Laboratory capacity to carry out <u>routine tests</u> for all categories of pathogens, common contaminants for livestock, fish, plant products (including seeds)</li> </ul>
<u>organised issuing of certificates</u> based on required national and international standards for the inspection and testing of specific traded products, supported by a system of data management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- laboratory head or other competent authority issue certificates</li> <li>- put in place a system of accreditation (to check testing and certificate issuance)</li> <li>- record data on tests performed and certificates issued</li> </ul>
<u>a supporting and effective (well resourced) system of institutions</u> at borders, locally, provincially and nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clarification of responsibilities at local level</li> <li>- provision of budget, and reasonable incentives to perform duties</li> <li>- training</li> </ul>