



Summary

TITLE	Strengthen Human and Institutional Capabilities in the Implementation of and Negotiation of Sanitary and PhytoSanitary (SPS) Measures in Seychelles
Applicant	Seychelles - Ministry of Finance
Duration of the Project	The intended commencement date is June/July and the period of implementation of the contract will be 4 months from this date
Objectives of the action	<p>Overall objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Laws and Regulations dealing with SPS measures are brought in conformity with international standards and the regulatory bodies dealing with SPS strengthened. <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a road map with targeted objectives and timelines for the project - Evaluate and develop, as the case may be, legislation and regulations relating to SPS - Provide advice, on-the-job and continuous trade-related technical assistance to the members of the Trade Division and the committee in relation to Seychelles accession to the WTO. - Conducting short training sessions and workshops on SPS issues
Purposes of the action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen Human and Institutional Capacity in the Implementation of and Negotiation on (accession) Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) Measures
Target group(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Target Groups</u>: Trade Division of the Ministry of Finance, Seychelles Agricultural Agency, AG's Office, Food Control Unit, and Import Control Division. - <u>Final Beneficiaries</u>: Private Sector, Public Sector and the society in general
Expected results	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is expected that the current legislations and regulations are brought in conformity with the WTO SPS Agreement. New SPS procedures and practices be implemented as part of the technical assistance. The completion of document WT/ACC/8 (SPS/TBT Checklist) for submission to the WTO.
Main activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and draft new legislation and regulations compatible with SPS Agreement - Provide on-the-job training and advice throughout the assignment to the members of the Trade Division and the committee on accession in relation to Seychelles accession to the WTO

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct 5 days workshop where government officials, private sector and other key actors on the Agreement on SPS and its implication for Seychelles (25 participants expected). Come up with recommendations on the way forward (using input from the workshop and outreach activities) during the last day of the workshop. - Update document WT/ACC/8 (SPS/TBT Checklist) for submission to the WTO - Carry out 2 outreach activities aimed at accelerating the accession process of Seychelles - Develop non-technical materials for the accession of Seychelles to be used during the outreach activities - Develop an Action Plan with short, medium and long-term perspectives, on how to improve the implementation of SPS measures in Seychelles with clear timelines. - Develop simplified summaries of the accession process for use by Ministry of Finance staff, including resources that may be needed by Seychelles for improving trade policy formulation and implementation during and after the accessions process. - The simplified summaries of the accession process together with the Action Plan will be presented in a booklet form and printed in 150 copies.
<p>Budget Estimate</p>	<p>199.000 €</p>