1. Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2002/000.610-08
1.2 Title: Registration of Producers, Importers and Exporters of Plants and Plant Products in the Slovak Republic
1.3 Sector: Agriculture SK/02/IB/AG/04
1.4 Location: Slovak Republic

2 Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective

Alignment and implementation of Slovak legislation in the field of plant passports in compliance with EU standards

2.2 Project purpose

Establishment of a registration system of producers, importers and exporters of plants and plant products in the Slovak Republic.

2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority

Accession Partnership

Ensure alignment of veterinary and phytosanitary legislation and upgrade inspection arrangements, in particular complete the establishment of the Border Inspection Posts at the future external borders

NPAA

Medium-term priorities
- Complete information networks for veterinary and phytosanitary inspection, introduce the ADNS, ANIMO and SHIFT computer systems
- Ensure training for phytosanitary inspectors on the application of aligned legislation
- Complete system of the state seed control – external inspectors

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan: N/A

2.5 Cross Border Impact: N/A
3 Description

3.1 Background and justification

The establishment of a registration system of producers, importers and exporters of plants and plant products in the Slovak Republic is among the medium-term priorities NPAA. This priority foresees to complete information networks for veterinary and phytosanitary inspection, training for phytosanitary inspectors on the implementation of the aligned legislation and to complete the system of the state seed control – external inspectors. The registration of producers and exporters of plants and plant products is incorporated into the national Slovak legislation through the Act of the National Council No 258/1995 Coll. on phytosanitary care as amended by the Act No 471/2001 Coll. as well as the MoA SR Decree No 41/2001 stating the details of the performance of phytosanitary care. The Act No 471/2001 was adopted by the National Council SR on 18 October 2001 and it came into force on 1 January 2002. The Decree No 41/2001 was adopted on 17 December 2001 and it came into force on 1 February 2002. The above Acts are in line with the following EU legislation concerning the registration of producers, importers and exporters of plants and plant products as well as plant passports:
- Commission Directive 92/90/EEC of 3 November 1992 establishing obligations to which producers and importers of plants, plant products or other objects are subject and establishing details for their registration,
- Commission Directive 93/50/EEC of 24 June 1993 specifying certain plants not listed in Annex V, part A to Council Directive 77/93/EEC, the producers of which, or the warehouses, dispatching centres in the production zones of such plants, shall be listed in an official register,
- Commission Directive 92/105/EEC of 3 December 1992 establishing a degree of standardization for plant passports to be used for the movement of certain plants, plant products or other objects within the Community, and establishing the detailed procedures related to the issuing of such plant passports and the conditions and detailed procedures for their replacement,
- Commission Directive 93/51/EEC of 24 June 1993 establishing rules for movements of certain plants, plant products or other objects through a protected zone, and for movements of such plants, plant products or other objects originating in and moving within such a protected zone,
- Commission Directive 95/44/EC of 26 July 1995 establishing the conditions under which certain harmful organisms, plants, plant products and other objects listed in Annexes I to V to Council Directive 77/93/EEC may be introduced into or moved within the Community or certain protected zones thereof, for trial or scientific purposes and for work on varietal selections,
- Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community.

This legislation sets the framework for the establishment of a registration system of producers, importers and exporters of plants and plant products as well as for issuing plant passports.
Within the phytosanitary inspection in SR the Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture (CCTIA) is delegated to carry out these activities. Registration has been performed since 2000 according to the Act of the National Council No 285/1995 Coll. on phytosanitary care as amended by the Act No 471/2001 Coll. as well as the MoA SR Decree No 2785/100-1998. In total 2733 entities have been registered - 399 producers, 1163 importers and 842 exporters of plants and plant products.

After accession, it is expected that the number of registered entities will increase, furthermore the system of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products will be connected with the issuing of plant passports. It is therefore necessary to build set-up a complex information system connected to the working places of phytosanitary, seed and feedstuffs inspection within the CCTIA, i.e. 2 working places in Bratislava, and working places in Zvolen and Košice, including also district inspections. Such a system would adequately complement the phytosanitary information network (WAN/LAN) built in the framework of a previous Phare project (SR 9808.02.01). This process will also include the design of a special software adapted to the local conditions.

The project will include:

1. Technical assistance in the building of the system of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports. this network shall include a link with the central competent authority within the Ministry of Agriculture;

2. Training of the representatives of the inspection of CCTIA as well as the producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products on the problem of registration and issuing of plant passports;

3. Upgrading of information system (hardware, software) for the registration and issuing of plant passports.

3.2 Linked activities:

Multi-country veterinary project.

BIPs at external borders of associated countries have been inspected and evaluated by EU TAIEX experts under this project. The evaluation covered 2 BIPs in Slovakia i.e. Vyšné Nemecké and Cierna nad Tisou. Facilities for clearance of live animals and animal products have been inspected and evaluated as unsatisfactory.

National Programme SR9513
Project SR9513.02.01 - Technical assistance for Harmonization in Agriculture. Phare has financed technical assistance and training for the Ministry of Agriculture of the SR and relevant counterpart institutions (State Veterinary Administration (SVA), Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture (CCTIA) responsible for phytosanitary protection and Slovak Agriculture and Food Inspection (SAFI), including also policy advise and structural recommendations for further development of the sectors mentioned above including recommendations on the necessary technical infrastructure.
National Programme SR9706
Project SR9706.01.01 - Institutional Strengthening and Training. Visit and exchange of experience between Slovak and German border inspectors took place at 2 BIPs of the Germany-Czech Republic border. Issues of EU compatible BIP infrastructure, laboratories and procedures have been discussed.

Project SR9706.02.01 - Technical Assistance to Veterinary and Phytosanitary Administrations. Study visits, training and local legal technical assistance was provided in the area of veterinary, phytosanitary and food inspection law.
Project SR9706.02.02 - Equipment for Phytosanitary and Veterinary Infrastructure. A part of the information technology for phytosanitary services at the border posts has been delivered.

National Programme SR9808.01
Twinning project SR98/IB/AG/02 - Support for Harmonisation and Implementation of the Internal Market Legislation and Institutional Development. Assistance to the harmonisation of the phytosanitary and veterinary legislation is provided. Evaluation and advise on the upgrade of BIPs at airports, water ports and railway are carried out. One of the activities is to propose the establishment of the Integrated Information System in compliance with EU requirements, including its design and technical specification.

Project SR9808.02 - Support for Harmonisation and Implementation of the Internal Market Legislation and Institutional Development - Investment component in total amount 1.5 MEUR.

National Programme SK0005
Border Inspection Posts Strengthening at the Eastern border with Ukraine - Technical assistance is focused on advice and support to the elaboration of technical specification for the technical upgrading of the border inspection facilities. The investment component (880.000 EUR) is focused on delivery of laboratory and IT equipment.

3.3 Results:

1. The inspectors of CCTIA will be trained on the legislation concerning the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports. The system of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports will be built up. This system will be elaborated into a special software for the purposes of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports in the Slovak Republic.

2. The information system enabling the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports operational
3.4 Activities:

1. Assistance in the building of the system of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports in SR. Training of the inspection represented by the CCTIA as well as the producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products on the problematic of registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports will be also carried out.

   Means:

   Twinning light facility - A pool of short-term experts (with several years of experience in the field of phytosanitary control and sound knowledge of the relevant legislation) will assist the Slovak authorities in the establishment of a registration system of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports in order to achieve full compliance with EU standards. The short-term experts will also provide training on the relevant EU legislation for the inspectors of CCTIA as well as for the producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products.

   Short-term consultants (Technical Assistance) will complement the Twinning light support focusing on the drafting of the technical specifications for the upgrade of the information system and the procurement of new IT equipment.

2. Upgrading of the information system (HW, SW) for the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports

   Means:

   In order to comply with EU standards, the information system for the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports will require the upgrading of servers and cabling for LANs/WAN. Some training equipment, office software and design of the specific software for the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports will be also procured.

3.5 Lessons learned

   - Reference to the requirement to set-up a registration system of the producers, importers and exporters of the plants and plant products in the Slovak Republic is made in the Final Report of the TAIEX Advisory visit 23-27. 10. 00 in section Plant Health (harmful organisms)

4. Institutional Framework

The overall responsibility for phytosanitary control lies with the Ministry of Agriculture who delegated the administration of phytosanitary control to the Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture (CCTIA), which is a specialised state institution directly managed by the Section of Agriculture, Food Industry and Trade of the Ministry of Agriculture.
The overall project implementation will be supervised by a Steering Committee composed of experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and the representatives of the beneficiary administration.

The key activities of the Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture (CCTIA) are as follows: official control of imported and domestic production of plant material (pests, phytopathogens and GMO plants), pesticides (residues and registration), seeds and varieties, control of feeds and animal nutrition. The main office is located in Bratislava with regional institutes in Zvolen and Košice. Experimental activities are carried out by the Institute in 16 plant varieties testing stations. Official controls on the phytosanitary sector are carried out by inspectors at border (23 points) and districts level (36 districts).

Official organisational structure:
- State phytosanitary administration
- Section of diagnostics and molecular biology plants and phyto-pathogens
- Section of plant protection
- Section of pesticide testing and registration
- Section of varietal testing
- Section of agro-chemistry and plant nutrition
- Sections of seeds and planting material
- Section of feed and animal production
- Section of environmental protection
- Regional station Zvolen and Košice.

5. **Detailed Budget (in MEUR)**

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6. **Implementation Arrangements**

6.1. Implementing Agency
CFCU
Mlynské Nivy 61
821 09 Bratislava
tel.: 421 7 53418093
fax: 421 7 53418095
PAO: Milan Michalička
6.2 Twinning
The Ministry of Agriculture will be responsible for the co-ordination of the project activities.
Contact person: Štefan PALACKA, Director of the Department of Plant Commodities, MoA SR
Dobrovičova 12
812 66 Bratislava
phone: +421-2-592 66 111

The beneficiary of the project will be Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture
Contact person: Pavel FILKORN, Director of the Institute
Matuškova 21
833 16 Bratislava
phone: +421-2-54 77 53 69

6.3 Non standard aspects: not envisaged

6.4. Contracts
1 twinning light covenant: 0.15 MEUR
1 FC - Technical assistance: 0.15 MEUR
1/2 supply contract(s): 0.4 MEUR

7. Implementation Schedule
7.1. Call for proposals: 3rd Q 2002
7.2. Start of tendering: 1st Q 2003
7.3. Start of project activities: 2nd Q 2003
7.4. Project Completion: 4th Q 2003

8. Equal opportunities
Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the project will be guaranteed.

9. Environment: N/A

10. Rates of return: N/A

11. Investment criteria: N/A

12. Conditionality and sequencing
No action should be targeted to persons who are exporters only and who do not have intra-EU trade or production activities
Sufficient professional staff at the CCTIA to execute inspection and registration.
### ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

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| Total budget (MEUR): 0.9 | PHARE budget (MEUR): 0.7 |

### Intervention logic

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2. The information system enabling the registration of producers, exporters and importers of plants and plant products and issuing of plant passports is functional.

1. The inspectors of CCTIA conduct registration of producers, importers and exporters of plants and plant products in line with the EU standards and best practice.
2. Reliable information flow among the different working places of inspection within the CCTIA due to the new information network, including link with the central competent authority within the MoA.

1. Project final report Take over protocols (after completing the construction and equipment phase) EC Services reports on BIPs TAIEX Reports |
2. Sufficient financial resources for development of required structure reserved Inter-institutional co-operation assured, Parliament and Government approve the relevant legislation without delays
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## Detailed implementation chart

Registration of Producers, Importers and Exporters of Plants and Plant Products in the Slovak Republic

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CUMULATIVE CONTRACTING AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE (in MEUR)

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Annex 4

Indicative list of the equipment

Requirements on technical equipment for registration of the producers, exporters and importers of plants, plant materials and issuing plant passports for CCTIA (for workplaces Bratislava-Hanulova, Bratislava-Matuškova, Zvolen and Košice).

1. Hardware
   - Upgrade servers,
   - Upgrade PC,
   - Cabling, HUBs,
   - Firewalls,
   - Laser Printers for NET (5 cartridges),
   - Colour Laser Printers (10 cartridges),
   - Back-up equipments (CD W/RW, ZIP-drivers) (5 pockets of backup medium),
   - Scanners,
   - Portable LCD Video data projectors,
   - Equipments for print and read line code labelling.

2. Software
   - Upgrade and new licences of the standard office software (MS Windows XP SK ver., MS Office Professional XP, SK version, with developer’s Toolkit for Access SK ver, MapInfo Profesional SK ver.),
   - Antivirus software upgrade and new licences (SK version),
   - Creating special software (application for WAN/LAN) for registration of the producers, exporters and importers of plants, plant materials and issuing plant passports.

3. Training equipment
   - automatical system for lighting and for projecting,
   - light and stereo zoom microscope
   - LCD videoprojector with PC,
   - Overhead for transparencies and papers,
   - Diaprojector for slides,
   - Big screen for presentation,
   - Video projector,
   - Phonic equipments (microphones, speakers),

Overall estimated Investment : 0.6 MEUR (including the co-financing)