1. Basic Information
   1.1 CRIS Number: 2003-004-995-03-03
   1.2 Title: Veterinary and Phytosanitary Border Inspection Posts – II. phase (Bratislava Airport BIP)
   1.3 Sector: Agriculture
   1.4 Location: Slovak Republic - Bratislava

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s)
   Pursue the establishment of the BIPs at future EU external borders in the veterinary and phytosanitary area

2.2 Project purpose
   1. Veterinary and phytosanitary inspection post at Bratislava - Airport established and equipped
   2. Veterinary and phytosanitary inspectors adequately trained in veterinary and phytosanitary controls

2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority

   Accession Partnership:
   Upgrade inspection arrangements, in particular complete the establishment of the Border Inspection Posts at the future external borders in the veterinary and phytosanitary area.

   NPAA:
   Short-term and medium-term priorities
   - Complete veterinary and phytosanitary protection facilities at the border crossings - Date: 31 December 2003
   - Ensure training for veterinary and phytosanitary inspectors on the application of approximated legislation

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan: N/A

2.5 Cross Border Impact: N/A
3 Description

3.1. Background and justification:

The Slovak Government considers the upgrading of the border inspection posts for veterinary and phytosanitary controls (BIPs) as one of the priorities of the NPAA. Upgrading these facilities is not only a concern for the veterinary and phytosanitary services but also for the immigration, customs and transport services of the Slovak Republic. Besides the Ministry of Agriculture (veterinary and phytosanitary inspection) several other ministries i.e. Ministry of Interior (immigration), Ministry of Finance (customs - Customs Administration), Ministry of Transport (railway, airport, water port facilities) are involved in the process. A Comprehensive Border Management Strategy is being elaborated under the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior. An important part of this strategy is the upgrading of the veterinary and phytosanitary border inspection posts used for imports of animals and products of animal and plant origin from non-EU and non-associated countries.

The new Veterinary Framework Act in 2002 created the necessary legal basis for the control procedures in the Slovak Republic. The Act entered into force on January 1\textsuperscript{st} 2003. Implementing rules will be enacted during the first half of 2003. Phytosanitary controls are being conducted in accordance with the Act No. 285/1995 Coll. on phytosanitary care as amended by Act No. 471/2001 Coll.

This legislation requires that the basic analyses of imported products are carried out at the border. All suspicious samples are delivered for further detailed inspection to central laboratories. Completing the system of border inspection points will lead to a significant improvement of the protection of the Slovak Republic and the EU territory against outbreaks and spread of animal and plant diseases, and will contribute to completing the harmonisation with the veterinary and phytosanitary acquis. This applies, in particular, to the BIP at Bratislava Airport. Even if current volumes of air cargo are still not substantial, there is every indication that Bratislava Airport will become an important point for transport once Slovakia has joined the EU. Based on this assumption and on the recommendation of the Peer Review Mission carried out in June 2002, it was decided that the BIP Bratislava Airport will be built in this stage only for minimal requirements: for smaller volumes of the animals and animal products, i.e. animal products up to 500 deliveries/year and live animals only for Equidae and other animals. According to the volumes of goods will be the capacity increased in future. In the light of this decision, the technical specifications of the equipment were adjusted accordingly.

Upgrading of the BIP Bratislava Airport was initially proposed for Phare funding in the context of the 2002 programming exercise. However, the Peer Review Mission of 6 June 2002 did not recommend funding the project, as there were no ready facilities for a BIP at the airport. - During 2002 and 2003, a series of action were undertaken to settle the pending issues.

- The Slovak Government assigned 65 millions of Slovak Crowns in the state budget 2003 for the Bratislava Airport BIP (buildings and infrastructure for the BIP).
Government Decree No. 1328 of December 11, 2002 imposed the task to the concerned Ministries of Finance, of Transport and of Agriculture to ensure finishing of building of the BIP facilities at the Bratislava Airport by the end of 2003.

Basic construction plans for the buildings are currently in the process of incorporation of comments.

As an attempt to acquire additional land for the BIP proved unsuccessful, a decision was made to build up the BIP on the land already owned by the Slovak Republic (under the competence of the Slovak Airport Administration). The decision was confirmed in a letter ref. No. 154/2003-130 of the Ministry of Agriculture to the National Aid Coordinator.

According to the timetable the construction project for buildings will be ready until the mid 2003 (including approval from the FVO in Dublin), and within the period of July 1st – December 31, 2003 the construction will be implemented.

In order to meet the relevant EU standards, specialised equipment for the Bratislava airport BIP is required. In the course of Phare project SK 0005, the EU experts for BIPs co-operated with the beneficiary institutions on the technical specification for the BIP equipment at Vyšné Nemecké and Cienà nad Tisou border stations and at the inland laboratories. A draft technical specification for the present project has been completed on the basis of this experience (see Annex 6).

In addition to the Bratislava Airport BIP, a permanent training of veterinary and phytosanitary inspectors must be undertaken. Training programmes prepared and led by EU experts will be under the responsibility of relevant departments of the participating institutions.

For the training of veterinary inspectors, the Slovak Veterinary and Food Administration has well equipped facilities at the Institute of Education for Veterinary Doctors in Košice. On the other hand, the Central Control and Testing Institute of Agriculture has not suitable equipped facilities for specialised training. The Institute has rooms for the establishment of the training centre and should be equipped by the necessary training equipment by the present project. (List of training equipment - Annex 6).

3.2. Linked activities:

A number of projects relevant to the present one were implemented during the years 1995-2002. A description is presented in Annex 7.

The most important linked activities were carried in the context of Phare Project SK 0005 Border Inspection Posts Strengthening, which helped equipping the BIPs at the Slovak/Ukrainian border crossings in Vyšné Nemecké and Cierna nad Tisou. The investment component delivered laboratory equipment at the BIP premises and at inland laboratories, and IT equipment for upgrading and strengthening of the LAN/VAN information network.

The present project is a direct continuation of the Phare 2000 project.
3.3. Results:
1. BIP Bratislava Airport equipped according to EU requirements
2. Staff of the veterinary and phytosanitary authorities trained to conduct the inspections in line with EU standards
3. Training facility (Bratislava centre) for phytosanitary inspection equipped and operational.

3.4 Activities:
The project will be carried out in the framework of one twinning light arrangement and one equipment supply contract.

The twinning light arrangement will help training some 30 vet and phyto inspectors, and the staff of the central veterinary and phytosanitary institutions. Instructions will cover the areas of legislation, border controls and diagnostics, including 1 study visit to the Member State BIPs.

Two EU short term Twinning Light trainers (1 veterinary, 1 phytosanitary) are required to carry out the project. They should have a university degree and at least 5 years of relevant experience and must be fluent in English.

Equipment supply
1) Equipment for the BIP Bratislava airport (technical and laboratory items). An indicative list of training equipment is attached in Annex 6
2) Equipment for the training facility (Bratislava centre) for phytosanitary inspection. An indicative list of training equipment is attached in Annex 6.

3.5. Lessons learned
Appropriate staffing levels are crucial to the success of the project. The beneficiary institutions will ensure that the Twinning Light experts have the right number of competent counterparts.

4. Institutional Framework
The overall responsibility for veterinary and phytosanitary control lies with the Ministry of Agriculture. The following institutions are charged with the related specific tasks. All of them are state owned institutions.

Veterinary sector
The State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA) is responsible for veterinary controls. It comprises of Central Office, 6 State Veterinary Institutes, 8 Regional Veterinary and Food Administrations and 40 District Veterinary and Food Administrations and specialised workplaces.

The responsibility for the inspections at the BIPs as well as the training of inspectors is with the Department of the State Territory Protection, Section of Animal Health.
Phytosanitary sector

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, phytopathogenes 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).

Responsibility for the inspections at the BIPs together with the trainings of inspectors lies on the Section of diagnostics and molecular biology plant and phytopathogenes and the Section of plant protection and phytosanitary.

Project implementation will be ensured by the Ministry’s Programme Implementation Unit in co-operation with the Section of Agriculture, Food Industry and Trade. Implementation will be supervised by a Steering Committee composed of experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and the relevant beneficiary administrations.

5. Detailed Budget (€ Million)

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* In line with the Slovak Government’s decision dated 9 February, 2000, all Phare funded projects will be co-financed from the State Budget. The co-financing of the investment component will be assured with a minimum contribution of 25%. National co financing of the Investment component (equipment) will be included into the 2004 state budget.

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency
PAO: Director of CFCU - Mrs. Silvia Czuczorova
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Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture
Contact person: Mr. Pavel Filkorn, Director
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tel.: + 421 2 547 75 369 fax: + 421 2 547 77 436

6.3 Non standard aspects
The twinning manual and the Practical Guide to Phare, ISPA, and SAPARD Implementation will be strictly followed.

6.4 Contracts
- 1 twinning light – 0.1 € Million
- 1 equipment supply contract including two lots as follows:
  - Lot 1 Equipment for the Bratislava Airport BIP – 0.4 € Million (Slovak co-financing included)
  - Lot 2 Equipment for training centre – 0.135 € Million (Slovak co-financing included)

7. Implementation Schedule
Start of tendering: 3rd quarter 2003
Start of project activities: 1st quarter 2004
Project Completion: 3rd quarter of 2004

8. Equal opportunities
All participating Slovak institutions are equal opportunity employers. No discrimination of whatever nature will be applied.

9. Environment: N/A
10. Rates of return: N/A
11. Investment criteria
The investment does not create revenues
12. **Conditionality and sequencing**

**Conditionalities**

- Fulfilling of the task laid down in Government Resolution No. 1328 to the relevant ministries on completing the Bratislava BIP building by the end of 2003.

**Important milestones and sequencing**

1. Training of inspectors completed by the end of first quarter 2004
3. Equipment at Central Control and Testing Institute for Agriculture will be installed and operational by May 2004.
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#### Programme
Veterinary and Phytosanitary Border Inspection Posts – II. phase (Bratislava Airport and Training Scheme)

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| Overall objective: | Completion of building the veterinary and phytosanitary control on the future EU external borders in the Slovak Republic | • All external border inspection posts (BIPs) operational in line with EU legislation | Screening Reports, Comprehensive Monitoring Report | • The process of alignment with EU acquis in the area of BIPs finished
| | | • Number of outbreaks of plant and animal diseases reduced | | • All phyto/vet inspectors aware of the control procedures |
| | | • ? SR provides specialised data to EU structures | | |
| Project purpose: | • Veterinary and phytosanitary inspection post at Bratislava - Airport ready for execution of phytosanitary and veterinary controls |
| | • Veterinary and phytosanitary inspectors ready for execution of veterinary and phytosanitary controls | • Accreditation of BIP achieved by the date of accession of the SR to the EU |
| | | • BIP Bratislava -airport conducts control in line with the EU standards and best practice | Screening reports generated by relevant DG, MoA SR |
| | | | Official records of MOA SR, CCTIA, SAFI, SVA |
| | | | TAIEX reports |

### Results:

1. Staff of veterinary and phytosanitary authorities trained to conduct the inspections in line with EU standards.
2. Training centre for the phytosanitary inspection equipped and functional.
3. BIP Bratislava Airport equipped according to the EU requirements

- By end 1st quarter 2004, about 30 inspectors and staff of the involved laboratories graduate from the training.
- By May 2004, BIP and training centre function according to plan

### Activities:

1. Train vet/phyto inspectors and the staff of the central veterinary and phytosanitary institutions in the area of legislation, border controls and diagnostics.
2. Procure equipment for the training centre for the phytosanitary inspection.
3. Procure technical and laboratory equipment for BIP Bratislava airport

- 1. Twinning light facility – group of short term experts for training programme:
  - 2x3 days training for veterinary inspectors
  - 2x3 days training for phytosanitary inspectors
  - study visit to the Member State BIP
  - Number of participants total 30
- 2. Supply of equipment in two lots for Bratislava Airport BIP and training centre

### Precondition:
Facilities for the veterinary and phytosanitary control at the Bratislava airport are ready
Veterinary and Phytosanitary Border Inspection Posts – II. phase (Bratislava Airport BIP and Training Scheme)

**Detailed implementation chart**

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Veterinary and Phytosanitary Border Inspection Posts – II. phase (Bratislava Airport BIP and Training Scheme)

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## ANNEX 4 LIST OF RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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Reference to sectoral studies:

- Report of results of project Analytical Quality Assurance in Ministry of Agriculture laboratories (annually, MoA)
- Report of monitoring quarantine organisms for EPPO (Central Control and Testing Institute of Agriculture)
- Report of results of residues in livestock and animal products according Directives 96/22/EC and 96/23/EC (for DG VI, State Veterinary Service)
- The draft Comprehensive Border Management Strategy (elaborated under the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic (May 1999))
Annex 6

Draft Technical Specification for the Equipment Supply Components

LOT 1 - EQUIPMENT OF THE BRATISLAVA AIRPORT BIP
0.4 MEUR (incl. co-financing)

Requirements on technical equipment for performing veterinary control on the border inspection posts.

1. Office equipment
   • 1 telephone/fax machine
   • 1 PC
   • 1 laser printer
   • 1 copier
   • 1 scanner
   • furniture

2. Laboratory for examination of foodstuffs of animal origin, animal raw materials and feeds
   • laboratory working table with a basin with warm and cold water (3-4 m long)
   • chests, shelves, hanging cupboards
   • basic bacteriological and serological laboratory equipment
     – 1 simple research microscope
     – 1 small table centrifuge, RPM 1600-5000, Routine Rotors
     – 1 coloration set
     – necessary glassware (for simple bacteriology and serology)
     – 1 laboratory autoclave for steam sterilisation, capacity 20 l, pressure max 3 bar, electricity 220 V/50 Hz
     – 1 universal oven (thermostat), capacity 30 l, electricity 220 V/50 Hz
     – 1 analytic balance, readability 0.01 mg, range 200g
   • sample taking equipment
     – 1 post mortem set
     – 200 vacutainers
     – 500 plastic glows for rectal exploration
     – 1000 sample recipients for organic material
     – 20 cool boxes of different sizes 2-25 l
   • 1 digital scale (range 0.1 – 100 kg)
   • 5 pocket pH meters (range 0 – 14 pH)
   • 5 waterproof microprocessor thermometers with probe
   • 1 laboratory freezer – capacity 500 l, temperature: -18-25°C
   • 1 refrigerator - capacity 500 l, with freezer compartment
   • 1 laboratory microwave equipment with magnetic stirrer – capacity min. 20 l
   • 1 tandem heater with relay, 3 heating plates
• 2 waste containers for biological material
• protection aids – laboratory protection cloths, rubber boots (various sizes), eye protection glasses, protection shields (for 3 officers for 3 years period)
• 2 UV laboratory lamps
• 1 window air conditioner for 100 m³

3. Equipment for manipulation premises for examination and taking samples in the case of foodstuffs of animal origin and animal raw materials and feeds
• 2 movable steel tables (galvanised surface) for the purpose of taking samples
• device for washing and disinfection of premises – 2 pieces

4. Facilities for live animals

Premises for small animals
• cages for small animals
• veterinary table for examination of animals
• standard rustles counter with a basin with warm and cold water

Facilities for large animals
• large animals fixing equipment
• device for cleaning and disinfection

Equipment and other technical facilities for phytosanitary area

1. Office
PC and connection on the phytosanitary network
Scanner
Fax
Monochrome laser printing unit
2 pcs office tables
2 pcs office chairs

2. Laboratory
4 pcs laboratory physical washable tables with adjustable height
1 pc rustles double sink
2 pcs laboratory washable chairs with adjustable height
working dress, shoes, helmets, gloves according to worker need

2.1 Laboratory equipment intended for plant material control
a/ system of light microscopy and stereomicroscopy with possibility of digital image snap-
shotting and next transfer to laboratory in Bratislava trough communication network, possi-
bility of archivation of snapped pictures in CDRW, colourful printing unit
b/ endoskop for deep control
c/ set of magnifying glasses
d/ sieves of different size for pests, cyst nematode, weed seeds
2.2 Laboratory equipment intended for sterilization, desinfection, environment cleaning and sample archivation

germicide lamp /only for laboratory/
autoclave cca 70 l and more
dry sterilizer – hot drier
wap a mop cleaning systems
containers of different sizes for live plant material /plants, pests/
freezer
fridge
portable fridge with cooling medium
plastic bags of different sizes
table thermostat
sampling pipets
sampling rod
washable adjustable shelves

2.3 Mobile unit with cooling system for sample transport to laboratory - car

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List of 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 of the Slovak Republic (SVA SR), 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 SR 2002

Project: *Registration of Producers, Importers and Exporters of Plants and Plant Products in the Slovak Republic.* 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. The project implementation will start in 2003.

Cargo Flights with Perishable Cargo on Board (Animals)

Following table shows the number of cargo flights performed at Bratislava airport in the period 1999-2002 with tonnage of loaded and off-loaded cargo:

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From our statistic records, it is unable to select in detail the exact tonnage of animal cargo loaded/off-loaded at Bratislava airport, anyway find below the approximate tonnage of such flights:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Perishable Cargo Aircraft Movements</th>
<th>Perishable Cargo loaded (tons)</th>
<th>Perishable Cargo off-loaded (tons)</th>
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In the years 2000 and 2001, animal cargo flights were undertaken on the route Bratislava-Pristina with cattle on board, operated by MK Airlines with aircraft type DC-8.

In the year 2002, regular business of fresh fish transportation from Mwanza (Tanzania) to Bratislava started, operated by various operators with aircraft types IL-76 and DC-8.

Other cargo flights, when both tables compared, were non-animal related, mainly car parts, dangerous goods or general cargo transport.

Except of dedicated animal cargo flights, this type of cargo shipments is regularly transported on regular flights, e.g. with CSA, LOT, Slovak Airlines, etc., but it is unable to cover the tonnage or frequency of such cargo shipments.

We assume, in the future, an abrupt growth of transportation of perishable cargo to and from foreign countries (fashion commodity and redirection of flow of commodity from more expensive airports).

The growth of transportation of perishable cargo (e.g. fruit and vegetable, meat, fish, ...) will follow the growth of instantaneous availability of sources of inhabitants.

We expect the growth of cargo flow in next 5 years up to 10-15% per year. Later 5-10% per year.
The growth of air cargo transportation will be positive, mainly because of dubiousness and dynamics of international market, low firmness of surface transportation to countries of the former Soviet Union, then in the growth of concept in assurance of production "just in time" and awkward infrastructure of surface transport in the middle and eastern European countries. We count also with partial deflexion of air trasportation (so called "special flights from Vienna, by application of system of re-bound charges and by the fact that airport will be specially equipped and will have well trained professional personnel.