STANDARD SUMMARY PROJECT FICHE

1. Basic Information

1.1 Project Number: SI0201.05
   Twinning Number: SI02/IB/AG/01
1.2 Title: Health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption
1.3 Sector: AGRICULTURE
1.4 Location: SLOVENIA

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s):
   Separation and prohibition of recycling certain animal by-products into the feed chain.

2.2 Project purpose:
   Alignment of the health rules and trade in animal by-products not intended for human consumption with the EU. Separation, safe disposal, processing and trade of animal by-products in accordance with the EU legislative provisions achieved. Establishment of appropriate level of public and animal health protection related to treatment, use and trade of animal by-products.

2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority
   AP:
   Continue alignment in the veterinary and phytosanitary sector notably: complete the veterinary and phytosanitary inspection system in particularly at future external borders; continue to implement the quality control system; complete animal identification; continue aligning animal welfare standards; animal waste treatment; modernization of meat and diary plants residue and zoonosis control programmes.

   NPAA:
   (NPAA: electronic version May 2001)
   Agriculture - Veterinary medicine and zootechnics (4.1.7; b)

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:

Slovenia already put into force the ban on use of processed animal proteins in animal nutrition. Therefore at the moment all the animal by-products are processed and afterwards treated as the SRM’s – stored and then harmlessly disposed of by incineration.

There are four animal waste collection and processing plants (rendering plants) in Slovenia. Two thereof process poultry waste only, operating in close circuit within poultry establishments. The third plant process fishery by-products only and operating as well as the first two in close circuit within fish producing establishment. The fourth plant is a processing establishment of a standard - open type, operating in compliance with the conditions prescribed in Council Directive 90/667/EC (50mm/133°C/20 minutes/3bar).

All animal waste designated as the specific risk material (SRM) is stained and collected separately in the food producing establishments. Thus it has to be mentioned that at the end all animal by-products including SRM’s are then transported together to the only open type rendering plant and there processed under the prescribed conditions to the meat-and-bone meal. This material is then stored and then harmlessly disposed of by incineration or co-incineration.

As mentioned above all animal waste and animal by-products are processed together and disposed of. This includes low risk, high risk and specific risk material. As a consequence the quantities of the animal by-products, which are destroyed are enormous and therefore costly and can no longer be supported by the national budget. Therefore the separation of the animal by-products to different categories as described in the EU legislation (low risk, high risk, specific risk or Category 1, 2 and 3) and separated processing, use and trade of these products, is of vital importance for the country. There exist interests of the industry for the establishment of the new rendering or animal by-products processing plants.

3.2 Linked activities:

None.

3.3 Results:

Slovenia aligns the legislative provisions concerning health rules for animal by-products not intended for human consumption and ban on use of processed animal proteins in animal nutrition.

Separate collection, processing, use, trade of and disposal of the animal by-products is assured.

3.4 Activities:

- Assessment of existing situation concerning the animal waste treatment and control in the country.
- Drafting of legislation on health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption (Doc. no. 500PC0574) and provisions from the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 999/2001/EC as amended concerning the feed ban and SRM’s.
- Evaluation of existing animal waste processing plants (rendering plants) and capacities.
- Preparing the program for the processing of different categories of animal by-products.
- If necessary list of requirements for possible new plants are prepared (i.e. low risk processing establishments, incinerators…).
- To assess the possibilities in Slovenia for different treatments of animal waste and animal by-products.
- Training of Slovene veterinarians, representatives of industry and other governmental bodies involved or partly involved in the system for treatment and use of animal waste according to Regulation 999/2001/EC.

3.5 Lessons learned:

Not applicable.

The food safety programme and consumer protection have raised many dilemmas not only in Member states but also in the candidate countries. Slovenia has decided to follow the EU course and commit itself to introduce the highest norms and standards in trade, production and processing of food and feeding stuffs.

The aim of the project is how to organise separation, safe disposal, processing and trade of animal by-products in accordance with the EU legislative provisions.

4. Institutional Framework

The competency over the implementation of the veterinary legislation in Slovenia lies with the Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (VARS), which is the body inside the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. Veterinary Practice Act, which is the legal framework for the operation of the veterinary services in Slovenia, gives the responsibility for the control over the collection and safe disposal to the VARS. The competency of VARS is within the frame of Council Directive 90/667/EC.

On the other hand Ministry of Environment becomes the competent authority for the waste treatment when animal by-products become waste – that means when there is no possibility of further use of this kind of material after processing. Because of the introduced BSE measures in Slovenia all animal by-products are after processing at the moment destroyed (incinerated or stored). In this framework destruction and storage of MBM falls under the jurisdiction of the environmental legislation and are consequently the responsibility of Ministry of Environment. Therefore in this respect the experts of this ministry will be involved in the project and clear line of the responsibility should be developed.

Beneficiary of the project is VARS.
5. Detailed Budget

in EUR

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The project will be co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia in an amount of 100,000 Euro in the year 2003. These funds are allocated in the national budget and will be used for design of re-structuring of existing and future rendering capacities, equipment and costs related to training (conference room for workshop, interpretation, study tour travel costs for Slovenian participants to the member states, working post and material for the expert).

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

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Unit for International Relations
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6.2. Beneficiary:

Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia
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6.3 Twinning
The project is designed to be implemented as a twinning package, consisting of long term, full time Pre-Accession Adviser (PAA), several short term experts, seminars, study tour and specialist training.

6.4 Non-standard aspects
The practical guide will be applied and followed.

6.5 Contracts
One standard contract is foreseen (twinning covenant) with a selected Member State. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food will be the contracting authority for this project.

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1 Start of tendering/call for proposals
Start of tendering: September 2002

7.2 Start of project activity
November, December 2002

7.3 Project Completion
December 2003.

8. Equal Opportunity
Equal opportunity will be assured.

9. Environment
Not relevant.

10. Rates of return
Not relevant.
11. Investment criteria

Not relevant.

12. Conditionality and sequencing

Following the rules on separation the animal by-products prohibition of use and trade in certain animal by-products is one of the priorities and also commitments of the Republic of Slovenia. The legal obligation is prescribed in the Veterinary Practice Act and in part that concerns waste treatment in Environmental Protection Act.
Annexes to project Fiche

1. Logical framework matrix in standard format
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of programme (including disbursement period)
4. List of relevant Laws and Regulation
# Annex 1: Phare log frame

## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR PROJECT

### Health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption

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| Total budget: 0.50 MEUR | Phare budget: 0.40 MEUR |

### Overall objective
- Separation and prohibition of recycling certain animal by-products into the feed chain.

### Objectively Verifiable Indicators
- EU legislation on Internal Market conditions adopted (health rules concerning animal by-products SRM and feed ban) by the date of accession
- Systems of processing and control in place by the date of accession.

### Sources of Verification
- Commission opinion for 2003 will confirm the alignment with the Acquis
- FVO mission reports (2003 and 2004)
- Health status of the country report

### Project purpose
- Alignment of the health rules and trade in animal by-products not intended for human consumption with the EU.
- Separation, safe disposal, processing and trade of animal by-products in accordance with the EU legislative provisions achieved.
- Establishment of appropriate level of public and animal health protection related to treatment, use and trade of animal by-products.

### Objectively Verifiable Indicators
- Legislation on health rules concerning animal by–products adopted in accordance with the new EU proposals by the date of accession
- Separation, processing and control systems in place in accordance with the EU rules by the date of accession

### Sources of Verification
- Commission opinion for 2003, 2004
- FVO mission reports 2003, 2004
- Official Journal of RS

### Assumptions
- Legislation adopted and comply with the EU
- Processing establishments comply with the EU provisions
- Effective control over the collection, processing and use of animal by-products established
### Results

- Slovenia aligns the legislative provisions concerning health rules for animal by-products not intended for human consumption and ban on use of processed animal proteins in animal nutrition.
- Separate collection, processing, use, trade of and disposal of the animal by-products is assured.

### Objectively Verifiable Indicators

- Adopted new and modified rules on and regulations concerning animal by-products and feed ban (new legislation) in 2002.

### Sources of Verification

- Official Journal of RS
- Regular Commission Annual opinion on alignment of the legislation
- FVO missions reports for 2003 and 2004

### Assumptions

- Responsibilities and competencies of the different bodies assured
- Co-operation of the governmental bodies assured
- Adequate provision from state budget

### Activities

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- Preparing the programmes for conditions and the layout for the new processing plants (i.e. low risk processing establishments, incinerators…).
- To assess the possibilities in Slovenia for different treatments of animal waste and animal by-products.

### Means

- field evaluation
- Documentation and legislation assessment
- Working group of experts for preparing programmes for processing of different categories of animal by-products
- Working group of experts for preparing programmes for conditions in processing plants
- Studies, programmes
- Study tours
- Workshop

### Assumptions

- financial resources available
- availability of expert staff
- Clear line of responsibilities established
- Co-operation of all involved parties

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Annex 3: Contracting schedule (sheet 1)

NB See also sheet 2 for disbursement schedule

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**CUMULATIVE CONTRACTING SCHEDULE (EUR million)**

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Annex 3: Disbursement schedule (sheet 2)

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Annex 4: List of relevant Laws and Regulation

6. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EC) No 999/2001 of 22 May 2001 laying down the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (as amended)