Standard Summary Project Fiche for the Transition Facility

1. Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2005/017-462.01.02

1.2 Twinning light SI05-IB-AG-02

1.3 Title: Inspection of quality control of fruits and vegetables

1.4 Sector: Agriculture

1.5 Location: Slovenia

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s):

The objective of the project is to support the Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food in efficient management and control of the marketing standards applicable to fresh fruit and vegetables according to the EU regulations.

2.2 Project purpose:


2.3 Justification

Comprehensive Monitoring Report: the implementing legislation concerning marketing standards for fruit and vegetables and the establishment and recognition of producers’ organisations has been adopted. Implementing legislation still remains to be adopted regarding the procedures for control of operational funds. The administrative capacity to control capacity marketing standards needs to be strengthened.

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:

According to the Agriculture Act, the Inspection Service for Quality Control of Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (IQAPF) is responsible for quality control of agricultural products and foodstuffs during the production process and also in the phase of marketing and inspection. On the basis of Regulation of Ministerial Bodies (Official Journal No 58/03), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF) reorganized its structure, so all the responsibilities concerning inspection of agricultural products and foodstuffs were attributed to Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Inspection Service for Quality Control of Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs.

The accession of Slovenia to the EU has brought some changes in standards for fresh fruit and vegetables and in method and frequency of performed controls. In
order to carry out successful control of quality of agricultural products and foodstuffs on the market there is a need for additional practice and strengthening of the control in the field. The most effective way is to watch and experience the methods used by similar institutions in partner countries.

3.2 Linked activities:

The proposed activities have been relatively weakly present in previous Phare programmes. There were only two Phare projects, where IQAPF as beneficiary was involved in:

SL9906.01.01/2- Transposition of Foodstuffs - Technical assistance for the development of Inspectorate for food quality control as part of the Internal Market.
Slovenian legislation in the field of Food Quality Control is harmonized with EU regulations;
A system for registration and certification of special agricultural products and foodstuff with high quality standards was established and assessment of registration body was completed by visit and the discussions among the experts;
MAFF Food Quality Control staff, control institutions, inspectors and a selected group of producers were trained on new standards and procedures.

SI0201.01-A Upgrading of inspection system for food quality control of special agricultural products and foodstuffs – Twinning Light
Staff applies all necessary procedures within Inspectorate for Food Quality Control to fulfil the EU regulations for special Agriculture products and foodstuffs (2081/92 and 2082/92)
- The monitoring system, procedures, plan of actions and databases are applied by the staff at the end of the project also due to effective networking;
- Established relation schemes between IFQC and certification body after the end of the project SL9906.01.01 for supervising and control activities
- Software complies with EU regulations.

3.3 Results:

Staff within Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food trained for quality assessment of fruits and vegetables and training materials written;
Written guidelines for inspection procedures prepared.

3.4 Activities:

- Analysis of the current inspection methods;
- Upgrading of inspection procedures for fruits and vegetables;
- Training of trainers (20) for quality assessment in the field of fruit and vegetables and preparation of training materials;
- Training - on the spot control of fruit and vegetables – practical aspect of training (learning on spot - comparison of inspectors evaluation grids for 20 inspectors);
- 5 Study visits in Member State Partner.

3.5 Lessons learned:

SL9906.01.01/2- Transposition of Foodstuffs
Slovenian legislation in the field of Food Quality Control is harmonized with EU regulations; MAFF Food Quality Control staff, control institutions, inspectors and a selected group of producers were trained on new standards and procedures;

SI0201.01-A Upgrading of inspection system for food quality control of special agricultural products and foodstuffs – Twinning Light.
Established relation schemes between IFQC and certification body. The Twinning partners proposed Slovenian side that since for the Inspectorate the challenge lies in moving from a border inspection to an internal market inspection - the challenge lies in the ability of the Inspectorate to change its inspection methods according to the changing of the laws. Moreover the choice for the organisation of the Inspection has also to be consolidated.

4. Institutional Framework

According to the Agriculture Act, the Inspection Service Quality Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs (IQAPF) within the MAFF is responsible for control of quality of agricultural products and foodstuffs during the production process and also in the phase of marketing and inspection. IQAPF is with 150 employers and is the body under MAFF. Food quality sector in MAFF prepares legislation in the field of food quality.

5. Detailed Budget

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(*) contributions from National, Regional, Local, Municipal authorities, FIs loans to public entities, funds from public enterprises
(**) private funds, FIs loans to private entities

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1 Implementing Agency

The Implementing Agency:
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6.3 Non-standard aspects

Not applicable.

6.4 Contracts

There will be one Twinning Light contract with the selected Member State in total value of 150,000 €.

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1 Start of tendering/call for proposals
3rd quarter 2005

7.2 Start of project activity
4th quarter 2005

7.3 Project Completion
2nd quarter 2006

8. Sustainability

For Institution Building component of project the beneficiary guarantees that adequate staff and financial resources to maintain administrative function will be provided by the time of start of project.

9. Conditionality and sequencing

Availability of national co-funding.
Availability of the relevant staff (experts from Biotechnical Faculty)
ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

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

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<td>• Improved protection of consumers concerning fruit and vegetables by the end of project&lt;br&gt;• Increased number of products taken off the market&lt;br&gt;• Implementation of quality standards of fruits and vegetables</td>
<td>• Trade statistics&lt;br&gt;• Health statistics concerning consumption of food&lt;br&gt;• Implementation Status Report</td>
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<td>Strengthening the capacities of inspectorate to perform the checks on conformity to the marketing standards described in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1148/2001 of 12 June 2001.</td>
<td>• Check lists for inspectors prepared during the project&lt;br&gt;• Methods for inspection strengthened by the end of project</td>
<td>• Reports database&lt;br&gt;• Reporting to EU Commission for fruits and vegetables&lt;br&gt;• Mission reports&lt;br&gt;• Monitoring Report - Agriculture (debriefed at SMSC)</td>
<td>Exchange of data within other inspection bodies in EU</td>
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### Results

- Staff within Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food is trained for quality assessment of fruits and vegetables and training material prepared;
- Written guidelines for inspection procedure prepared

### Objectively verifiable indicators

- EU standards for fruits and vegetables quality implemented by the end of project
- Staff in IQAPF meets improved methods for quality assessment by the end of project

### Sources of Verification

- STE reports
- Written manuals and guidelines
- Project Interim, Quarterly and Final Report(s)
- Quarterly reports to EU Commission

### Assumptions

- Appropriate twinning partner is available and contract is concluded on time.

### Activities

- Analyse of current inspection methods
- Upgrading of inspection procedures of food and vegetables
- Training of trainers (20) for quality assessment in the field of fruits and vegetables and preparation of training materials,
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### Means

- Twinning Light expertise
- Training and training material

### Assumptions

- Availability of experts
- National budget for 2005 confirmed

### Preconditions

- Availability of national co-funding
- Availability of the relevant staff (Experts from Biotechnical Faculty)
Annex 2: Detailed Implementation chart

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Annex 3b – Disbursement schedule

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Annex 3c – Contracting and Disbursement schedule

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Annex 4: LIST OF RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

AGRICULTURE ACT, Ur. l. RS, No. 54/2000, 45/2004
REGULATION OF MARKETING ORGANISATION FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES; Ur. l. RS, No. 22/2004
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 831/97 OF 7 MAY 1997 LAYING DOWN MARKETING STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO AVOCADOS, 1167/1999
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2257/94 OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1994 LAYING DOWN QUALITY STANDARDS FOR BANANAS
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2335/1999 OF 3 NOVEMBER 1999 LAYING DOWN MARKETING STANDARDS FOR PEACHES AND NECTARINES, 582/2003
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 963/98 OF 7 MAY 1998 LAYING DOWN MARKETING STANDARDS FOR CAULIFLOWERS AND ARTICHOKEs, 2551/199, 1135/2001
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2288/97 OF 18 NOVEMBER 1997 LAYING DOWN MARKETING STANDARDS FOR GARLIC
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 912/2001 OF 10 MAY 2001 LAYING DOWN THE MARKETING STANDARD FOR BEANS
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 982/2002 OF 7 JUNE 2002 LAYING DOWN THE MARKETING STANDARDS FOR CULTIVATED MUSHROOMS
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 86/2004 OF 15 JANUARY 2004 LAYING DOWN THE MARKETING STANDARD FOR PEARS
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 85/2004 OF 15 JANUARY 2004 LAYING DOWN THE MARKETING STANDARD FOR APPLES
COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 730/1999 OF 7 APRIL 1999 LAYING DOWN THE MARKETING STANDARD FOR CARROTS
COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1677/88 OF 15 JUNE 1988 LAYING DOWN QUALITY STANDARDS FOR CUCUMBERS
Commission Regulation (EC) No 175/2001 of 26 January 2001 laying down the marketing standard for walnuts in shell
Commission Regulation (EC) No 175/2001 of 26 January 2001 laying down the marketing standard for tomatoes
Commission Regulation (EC) No 2396/2001 of 7 December 2001 laying down the marketing standard applicable to leeks
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1543/2001 of 27 July 2001 laying down the marketing standard for lettuces and curled-leaved and broad-leaved (Batavian) endives
Commission Regulation (EC) No 2377/1999 of 9 November 1999 laying down the marketing standard for asparagus
Commission Regulation (EC) No 48/2003 of 10 January 2003 laying down the rules applicable to mixes of different types of fresh fruit and vegetables in the same sales package