1. Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2005/017-462-01.05
1.2 Twinning light SI05-IB-AG-05

1.3 Title: New hygiene Regulations for food of animal origin
1.4 Sector: Agriculture
1.5 Location: Slovenia

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s):
Application of new food hygiene Regulations for products of animal origin intended for human consumption

2.2 Project purpose(s):
Alignment of official control system in Slovenia with the new Acquis Communautaire and establishment of common approach for application of new legal provisions.

2.3 Justification:
Comprehensive Monitoring Report - The supervision of upgrading process should be strengthened by providing adequate human resources and ensuring that appropriate instructions are given for the evaluation of the establishments.

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:
European Parliament and the Council had at the end of April 2004 adopted some Regulations that establish the field of the hygiene of foodstuffs after 2006. The principal objective of the new hygiene rules is to ensure a high level of consumer protection with regard to food safety. Those rules constitute a common basis for the hygienic production of all food, including products of animal origin. New rules are also the result of the desire to achieve simplification by applying the same rules wherever appropriate to all products of animal origin. For correct introduction of the above-mentioned rules their uniform interpretation should be ensured. Misinterpretation of rules could lead to insufficient level of consumer protection on one hand or to unnecessary additional costs for business operators on the other.

Due to all that an appropriate training of VARS staff is needed. It is also important to acquaint with new food safety rules business operators and NGO as well.

3.2 Linked activities:
PHARE Twinning SL99/IB-AG01-a "Strengthening of the veterinary controls" (HACCP, establishments).
Specific objectives of this project were alignment on public health issues:
- HACCP system,
- self control policy,
- compliance of the food producing plants with the EU standards.
This project has contributed to help Slovenia to align its official control system to the EU. In fact the overall situation in the Republic of Slovenia has been assessed as excellent in its final report. The official control system needs now to be aligned to the new acquis and common approach to be established for application of new legal provisions.

3.3 Results:
- Assessments report on the present official control system in Slovenia including recommendations for aligning the system with requirements of the new "hygiene package".
- The present official control system in Slovenia strengthened and uniformed (guideline manual for uniform procedure of official veterinarians prepared)
- Workshops with the aim of presenting the results of the findings of the assessment of the present official control system in Slovenia (official veterinarians of VARS acknowledged)
- Slovenian official veterinarians adequately trained in line with the provisions of the new "hygiene package".
- Food business operators and NGOs acquainted with the implementation of the new food safety regulation and provided written Guidelines for Food Hygiene.
- Improved/uniform (developed) audit and inspection system in line with the "new hygiene package"

3.4 Activities:
- Assessment of the present official control system in Slovenia in comparison to the new "hygiene package".
- Upgrading the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions
- Presentation of the results of the findings of the assessment of the present official control system in Slovenia
- Training of Slovenian staff and training materials written: 2 workshops (each cca 40 official veterinarians of VARS)
- Presentation of the official control system and common approach in the implementation of the new food safety regulation to the representatives of the industry, NGOs (seminar in Slovenia for at least 60 representatives of industry and NGOs), presentation of prepared Guidelines.
- Introduction of audit and inspection system and (Manual for uniform procedure of official veterinarians put into practice)

3.5 Lessons learned:
In the final report of PHARE Twinning SL99/IB-AG01-a "Strengthening of the veterinary controls" the overall situation in the Republic of Slovenia has been assessed as excellent. Thanks to the courses organised by TAIEX a certain number of Slovenian veterinarians acquired basic training. The final mission in Slovenia resumed the actual situation in the veterinary services as well advanced status with good knowledge by the operators. Concerning the FVO missions in Slovenia, a number of inspection visits were carried out before and after accession. No major deficiencies were identified, but there were comments either recommending some improvements or regarding some minor misinterpretations of the legislation. Therefore we feel it is of great importance to have some help (also considering that the twinning project was implemented in 2000) or additional opinion in applying such important legislation as the new "hygiene package".
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 production and placing on the market of foodstuff of animal origin to the VARS.

Beneficiary of the project is VARS.

5. Detailed Budget

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(*) contributions form National, Regional, Local, Municipal authorities, FIs loans to public entities, funds from public enterprises
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The project will be co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia in an amount of 50,000 Euro in the year 2005. These funds are earmarked in the budget and will be used for the costs relating 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

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6.4 Non-standard aspects
Not foreseen.

6.5 Contracts
There will be one contract - Twinning Light Contract with a selected member state for 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
1st 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 the start of project.

9. Conditionality and sequencing
Availability of national co-funding.
ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

1. Logical framework matrix in standard format
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting schedule and disbursement schedule by quarter for full, duration of programme
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project

### New hygiene Regulations for food of animal origin

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### Overall objective

Application of new food hygiene Regulations for product of animal origin intended for human consumption

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| System in the food producing field is in line with the provisions of the new “Hygiene package” by the end of the project. All persons involved in food chain aware of the food hygiene requirements at the end of the project. | • Reports of regular official checks  
• Interim Evaluation reports  
• Implementation Status Report  
• Twinning Light Contract |

### Project purpose

Alignment of official control system in Slovenia with the new Acquis Communautaire and establishment of common approach for application of the new legal provisions.

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| • Assessment report on the present official controls system in Slovenia (including recommendations) in line with the EU legislation  
• New legal provisions implemented correctly and common approach established | • Reports of STE  
• Monitoring reports  
• Project Interim, Quarterly and Final Report(s)  
• Mission Reports |

### Assumptions

- Staff resources available
- Budget available
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| • Assessments report on the present official control system in Slovenia.  
• The present official control system in Slovenia strengthened (guideline manual written)  
• Workshop with the aim of presenting the results (public awareness upgraded)  
• Common approach during introduction and implementation of new food safety Regulations in place.  
• Slovenian official veterinarians adequately trained.  
• Food business operators and NGOs acquainted with the implementation of the new food safety regulation.  
• Uniform audit procedure.  
• Improved (developed) audit and inspection system  
• Restructuring of services  | • Implemented legislation in the relevant fields finalised by the end of the project  
• Trained business operators (workshop) and official veterinarians  
• Guidelines prepared for food business operators during the project  
• Manual prepared during the project for official veterinarians  | • Reports of STE  
• Monitoring reports  | • Budget available  
• Appropriate twinning partner is available and contract is concluded on time. |

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| • Assessment of the present official control system in Slovenia.  
• Upgrading the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions  
• Public presentation of the results  
• Training of Slovenian staff (2 Workshops 40 official veterinarians of VARS)  
• Presentation of the official control system and common approach in the implementation of the new food safety regulation to the representatives of the industry, NGOs (seminar in Slovenia for at least 60 representatives of industry and NGOs).  
• Introduction of audit and inspection system | • Collection of data from VARS (on the basis of questionnaire)  
• Training programmes  
• Study tours  
• Field evaluation  
• Organizing seminars, workshops  
• Prepared guidelines for food business operators  
• Prepared manual for official veterinarians  | • Good co-operation with short –term experts  
• Full involvement of VARS staff  
• No changes of the amount of financial resources |
### Preconditions

- Tendering and contracting of project carried out within planed timeframe
Annex 2: Detailed Implementation chart

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### Annex 3a – Contracting schedule

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