1. Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2005/017-462.01.06

1.2 Twinning light: SI05-IB-AG-06

1.3 Title: Specific rules on the hygiene of feed and official feed control

1.4 Sector: Agriculture

1.5 Location: Slovenia

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s):
Implementation of specific rules on the hygiene of feed and official feed control

2.2 Project purpose:
Efficient implementation of new legislation in field of approval and registration of feed business operators and implementation of new regulations on official food and feed control

2.3 Justification:
Comprehensive Monitoring Report - The *acquis* concerning animal nutrition has been transposed. Administrative capacity in this field is adequate.

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene 183/2005 and Regulation (EC) 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules are two main pieces of legislation that will bring major changes in the field of feed production and official controls. They will enter into force on 1 January 2006.

One of the reasons for adopting those two Regulations is the desire to unify the procedures of approval and registration of establishments and apply the same procedures for official control in this field. The main task for Slovenia is to take all necessary measures to ensure that feed business operators comply with the obligations laid down in these two Regulations.

In order to be able to implement the requirements of both regulations 882/2004 and 183/2005 it is of utmost importance to start the project at latest in September 2005. One of the scopes of the project is also acknowledging official veterinarians, feed business operators, and other persons involved in the feed chain. Even with starting the project in September 2005, the time schedule will be very tight.
Misinterpretation of rules could lead to insufficient level of consumer protection and cause additional costs to feed business operators.

3.2 Linked activities:

*PHARE* project SL 9905.01.02. "Strengthening of Food Quality Control":

With the objective of harmonisation of the feeding stuff quality control in Slovenia with the EU regulation, eight main activities have been implemented. By the end of the project activities, the Slovenian situation with regard to EU requirements had been improved by:

- A set of Slovenian sub-laws harmonised with EU directives to be issued by 31/12/2002;
- Two pilot laboratories were accredited according to the Standard ISO 17025, and are able to play the role of reference laboratories for other laboratories;
- Inspection bodies for feeding stuffs being assessed for an organisational point of view, according to the directive on official inspection in the field of animal nutrition, and a proper training programmes were implemented in order to overcome difficulties related with feed mill inspection and feeding stuffs labelling;
- The participation to Codex Alimentarius activities for feed is assessed and it is proposed that participation for feed is made by the scientific committee members in charge of feeding stuff additive assessment;
- The setting up of the system for feeding stuff additive, with the organisation on a national scientific committee for feed additive assessment, and the training sessions developed in order to provide the compulsory skills to VARS inspectors in charge of feed mill registration or approval;
- Information made available at the web site of the MAFF and a proposal for a reciprocal information system between inspection bodies;
- An extended programme and a study tour taking place in France.

3.3 Results:

- Present official control system assessed;
- Present system of approval and registration in the view of implementation of new regulations assessed;
- Control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions upgraded;
- The procedures for the approval and registration of feed producing establishments in Slovenia in accordance with the new legal provisions upgraded;
- HACCP principles in feed production implemented;
- Manual for registration and approval procedure and for supervision of feed business operators prepared;
- The computerised database for implementation of the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions developed;
- Prepared programme implemented;
- Results publicly presented to stakeholders;
- Official veterinarians and inspectors for quality of feed and representatives of MAFF and producers trained;
- Stakeholders and NGOs trained and acknowledged with the new provisions on new legislation;
Official veterinarians in charge of official control in the field of feeding stuffs equipped with the portable computers (about 12) including basic software to be able to better perform «on the spot» supervision.

In this project supply of notebooks (portable computers) with basic software and associated facilities is needed for official veterinarians from VARS in charge of feed control. This would certainly make "on the spot" checks and supervision much easier by using data base accessible by internet. At the moment VARS equipment is insufficient. Improvement of information service should be established for effective communications between the VARS central office and regional offices and for the communication with IRSAFHF.

### 3.4 Activities:

- Assessment of the present official control system;
- Assessment of the procedures for the approval and registration of feed producing establishments in Slovenia;
- Upgrading of the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions;
- Upgrading of the procedures for the approval and registration of feed producing establishments in Slovenia in accordance with the new legal provisions;
- Implementation of HACCP principles in to feed production;
- Preparation of manual for registration and approval procedure and for supervision of feed business operators;
- Developing the computerised database for implementation of the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions;
- Implementation of the prepared programme;
- Public presentation of the results;
- Training of Slovenian staff (study tour for official veterinarians and inspectors for quality of feed and representatives of producers (10 persons) and 1 workshop for official veterinarians and inspectors for quality of feed, officials at MAFF (cca 45 people) and training material prepared;
- Training of stakeholders and training materials prepared (i.e. representatives of the industry, producers, farmers, NGOs (2 workshops in Slovenia);
- Supply of notebooks (portable computers), associated facilities and basic software for official veterinarians in charge for official control in the field of feeding stuffs.

### 3.5 Lessons learned:

- FVO Mission (DG (SANCO)/9008/2003-MR) from 17th to 21st February 2003 in order to evaluate the implementation of certain measures aimed at the eradication, control and prevention of BSEs and the system of controls applied in the sector of animal nutrition:
  - The findings were, that VARS is responsible for the authorisation and registration of feed establishments and intermediaries. Also it was noted, that The Animal Feed Act of February 1st 2002 defines the competencies of the different services, among feedstuffs unit of MAFF, VARS, Inspectorate for the feed safety, Inspectorate for Quality Control of Agricultural products and Foodstuffs (IRSQAPF) Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry, Hunting and Fisheries (IRSAFHF) and Health Inspectorate. In January 2003 VARS, IRSQAPF and IRSAFHF agreed the responsibilities and the cooperation as
regards monitoring and controls. IRSAFHF and IRSQAPF are to merge by June 2003 into the Agricultural Inspectorate.

- One of the recommendations was fully implement the controls of animal nutrition in particular as regards a risk based control programme, covering all stages of production and including use of feeds.

- FVO Mission (DG (SANCO)/9150/2003-MR) from 7th to 11th April 2003 in order to evaluate the control of residues in live animals and animal products:
  - Findings were, that Central Competent Authority (CCA) is in the process of registering feedmills and organising specialist training of inspection staff. The CCA is well aware of its obligations concerning the controls of medicated feedingstuffs and a comprehensive sampling and inspection plan is in line with Directive 95/53/EEC.
  - Recommendations were, to increase the number and frequency of on-farm inspections

- Peer Review Evaluation Mission on Animal Feedingstuffs (reference 7463):
  - Recommendations were that VARS and IRSAFHF cooperate in drawing up a National control plan for animal feed and in particular that they employ risk assessment criteria when drawing up the control plan; that competent authority should examine the current level of on-farm inspections with a view to increasing the number of inspections carried out, where appropriate; that the central competent authority should strengthen their supervision of control officials; effective communications between the VARS and the IRSAFHF should be established concerning the outcome of controls; that VARS should implement the controls necessary on imported feed materials.

- PHARE project SL 9905.01.02.” Strengthening of Food Quality Control:
  - A set of Slovenian sub-laws harmonised with EU directives ;
  - Two pilot laboratories were accredited according to the Standard ISO 17025,;
  - Official veterinarians VARS are properly trained in order to overcome difficulties related with feed mill inspection and feeding stuffs labelling;
  - Skills of VARS inspectors in charge of feed mill registration or approval gained;

4. Institutional Framework

Implementation of veterinary legislation, official control in the field of feed safety and for approval, registration and control of establishments is under the competency of the Veterinary administration of Slovenia (VARS), which is the body inside the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

Competent authority for controls of feed Quality in trade is Inspectorate of RS for Agriculture, Forestry and Food (IRSAFF)

Beneficiary of the project are VARS, IRSAFF, MAFF and feed business operators.
5. Detailed Budget

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In this project investment support is needed for supply of notebooks (portable computers) with basic software and associated facilities for official veterinarians from VARS in charge of feed control (about 12 notebooks). This would certainly make "on the spot" checks and supervision much easier to perform, since all the data needed are already available at the place of performing supervision.

The project will be co-financed by the Republic of Slovenia in an amount of 50.000 Euro in the years 2005 and 2006. These funds are earmarked in the budget and will be used for the costs related to training (conference room for workshops, interpretation, study tour travel costs for Slovenian participants to the member states, working post and material for the experts).

6. Implementation Arrangements

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The project is designed to be implemented as TWL, consists of short-term experts, study tours, developing the computerised database, specialist training and workshop and supply of portable computers and associated facilities.

6.3 Non-standard aspects
Not applicable.
6.4 **Contracts**
There will be two contracts for this project – one Twinning Light contract with the selected Member State for Twinning Light component in the total of 125,000 € and one supply contract with selected supplier for Investment component of project for 25,000 €.

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.
Availability of relevant staff
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
4. List of relevant Laws and Regulations (optional)
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project

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| Implementation of specific rules on the hygiene of feed and official feed control | High level of feed safety and high level of consumer protection ensured by the end of the project; every person involved in the feed chain being aware of high importance of feed hygiene requirements; New rules correctly implemented by the end of the project. | • Regular inspections  
• Decreased number of incompliance  
• Annual reports to EC  
• Interim Evaluation Reports  
• Implementation Status Report  
• Twinning Light Contract |

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| Efficient implementation of new legislation on feed and official feed control and the various procedures of approval established in accordance with EU legislation; registration of feed business operators | • Coordinated national control plan at the end of project  
• Improved and unique procedure of approval of establishments,  
• Manual for official veterinarians and guidelines for feed business operators on national level prepared | • Regular Inspections  
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### Means
- Cooperation of two inspection bodies – cooperation protocol
- Evaluation of previous procedures
- Working group with external experts
- Training with on spot visits in different establishments

### Assumptions
- Implementation of the relevant legislation in RS
- High level of control measures and consumer protection
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Annex 3a – Contracting schedule

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