Standard Summary Project Fiche.

Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2004/016-925-01-03

Twinning: LT/2004/AG/03

<u>1.2.Title:</u> Strengthening of the border veterinary control system in the Republic of Lithuania **<u>1.3.Sector:</u>** Agriculture

<u>1.4. Location:</u> State Food and Veterinary Service and related institutions

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall objective:

The overall objective of this **0.929 MEUR** project, of which **0.1 MEUR** is provided as national co-financing, is to strengthen the administrative and technical capacities at Border Veterinary Inspection Posts.

2.2. Project purposes:

With a view to strengthening of border veterinary control system in the Republic of Lithuania the project purposes are as follows:

- To strengthen administrative and technical capacities of staff of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service
- To develop the computer program in order to implement the system for control of imported and transited products of animal origin and live animals.

2.3. Justification

Draft monitoring report on the implementation of commitments made in the accession negotiations stressed that:

Border and Transport State Veterinary Service is responsible for implementation of import and transit control at border veterinary inspection posts. It was established that 5 long term BIPs to be completed by the end of 2002 and 4 other BIPs to be completed by the end of 2003 (according to CONF-LT 5/02). Full transposition of the veterinary *Acquis* has to be made by 1 July 2003 (according to CONF-LT 5/02). The staff of BIPs has to be trained in order to use the new facilities and equipment of BIPs and to apply the EU legislation.

Comprehensive monitoring report on Lithuania's preparations for membership outlined that: Transposition regarding veterinary checks of imports from third countries and rules for imports has largely been completed. Further work is needed to bring border inspection posts into compliance with EU requirements, in particular as regards rail connections at the Kena and Pagegiai posts, and with regard to road access to the Panemune post.

Regular Report of 9 October 2002 established that the additional efforts are needed to complete the upgrading of the inspection arrangements at future external borders, including the adequate application of EC procedures as well as construction of technical facilities.

3. Description

3.1. Background and justification:

Border and Transport State Veterinary Service was established in 1991. Lithuanian Law on Veterinary Activities and regulatory documents of State Food and Veterinary Service, which are based on EU legislation, regulates the work at Border Veterinary Inspection Posts.

Border and Transport State Veterinary Service controls the imports and transit of live animals, products of animal origin and non-animal origin, feedingstuffs and veterinarian medicines. The main objectives of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service are to ensure that imported and transited goods complies with the requirements for safety, labelling and other mandatory indicators established by the legal acts.

12 veterinary border inspection posts have to be constructed and equipped under EU requirements by the date of Accession. 10 border inspection posts are already constructed and construction of 2 border inspection posts will be finished in January 2004. 124 border veterinary inspectors work in the border veterinary inspection posts.

According to Commission Decision 2000/571/EC of 8 September 2000 laying down the methods of veterinary checks for products from third countries destined for introduction into free zones, free warehouses, customs warehouses or operators supplying cross border means of sea transport, the border veterinary inspectors must check the products of animal origin which do not confirm EU requirements and destined for third countries but are stored at the custom warehouses, free warehouses or free zones. It is foreseen to approve approximatelly 20 customs warehouses, which will satisfy the requirements to be approved for storage of products of animal origin, which do not confirm the EU requirements.

The veterinary inspectors which control the exiting transit of non-conforming EU requirements products of animal origin need to be equipped with the computers and printers with regard to Article 12 of Council Directive 97/78/EC laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries. At present, there is a lack of necessary hardware and software at the border inspection posts.

The Border and Transport State Veterinary Service starting from 2001 implemented the computer information system which allows to maintain the control of imported transited goods. The Mission of Food and Veterinary Office of Health & Consumer Protection Directorate – General Ref. No. DG (SANCO)/9016/2003-MR concerning import controls and border inspection posts (BIPS) related issues has indicated that the implemented database contains much information, but it is still incomplete with EU requirements. The computer database has to be developed with regard to the Commission Decision 97/152/EC concerning the information to be entered in the computerized file of consignments of animals or animal products from third countries which are re-dispatched and to the Commission Decision 97/394/EC establishing the minimum data required for the database on animals and animal products brought into the Community.

For development of computer database on import controls and for exchange of information between Border Inspection Posts, customs warehouses, Central Office of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service, it is necessary to improve the existing computerized systems and to procure the equipment.

The Mission of Food and Veterinary Office of Health & Consumer Protection Directorate – General Ref. No. DG (SANCO)/9016/2003-MR concerning import controls and border inspection posts (BIPs) related issues has indicated that the staff of the BIPs has to be regularly trained as it is written in Council Directive 97/78/EC laying down the principles

governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries. The article 27 of Council Directive 97/78/EC says that member states shall ensure that the official veterinarians assigned to border inspection posts must participate in the special training programs. The main needs are to train official veterinary inspectors of the Border Inspection Posts (BIPs) out of country (in the BIPs of EU member states) and in country (in Lithuania).

3.2. Linked activities:

The PHARE project No. LI9803-01-01-001 Technical Assistance to Veterinary and Phytosanitary Control in Lithuania was directly involved in the training of official veterinary inspectors working at the BIPs. The trainings in country and in Member States were organized in year 2001 and 42 official veterinary inspectors were trained.

The PHARE project No. LT 0004-02-02-02 Strengthening and enforcement of food control system: Phase III completion of modernization of veterinary and phytosanitary border inspection posts covered only the Construction of Veterinary Border Inspection Posts in Lithuania. The training for Border Veterinary Inspectors was not organized.

3.3. Results

- Council Directive 97/78/EC, Commission Decisions 97/152/EC and 97/394/EC implemented.
- Border veterinary inspection posts and staff at customs warehouses are properly equipped with hardware and software as required.
- Computerized import control database developed.
- Training programme for staff of border inspection posts with regard to EU legislation developed.
- Intensive training courses and seminars for the border veterinarians organized (including the study tours for the staff of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service to several member states).

This part of project would provide training to the staff of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service and would help to revise veterinary control procedures that strengthen the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service with the implementation of the EU legislation for border inspection. This training would include the documentary, identity and physical checks of imported live animals and products and it would reduce the risk that highly infective animal diseases enter the EU territory. The strict inspection of imported food products will also safeguard the public health situation in Lithuania and in future the EU member states.

3.4. Activities:

The project will be implemented through one Twinning Component, one Technical Assistance Component and one Supply Component.

3.4.1. Twinning and Training package

Scope of Twinning

The activities, which are expected to be implemented under the Twinning, are as follows:

- To analyse the existing working documents and to prepare detailed working instructions;
- To develop training related to border control control and conduct training (120 persons);
- To organise study visits to the EU member states for the border veterinarians (20 persons).

Total number of staff trained – 120 persons.

Required Inputs:

One PAA (12 p/m) providing general management, consultations and assistance to the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service in the development of working instructions and training of veterinary staff.

General profile of the Pre-Accession Adviser (PAA)

- A civil servant from the EU Member State Governmental institution experienced in border veterinary control (import and transit of products of animal origin);
- Familiarity with the relevant legislation in the EU member states;
- Good knowledge of its practical implementation;
- Familiarity with Member State Ministry and associated bodies' structures and procedures;
- Some training experience would be necessary;
- Good communication and management skills;
- Fluency in English (written and spoken);
- Computer literacy.

Short-term experts

Short-term experts (6 p/m) providing training and assistance on:

- Preparation of the training program for border inspectors on import and transit control of products of animal origin (3 training phases in Lithuania).
- Inspection of products of animal origin in case of import, transit, re-importation.
- Inspection of live animals in case of import, transit, re-importation.
- Preparation of work instructions for supervision of customs warehouses;
- Preparation of working instructions at the BIP's for transit consignments and reimportation;
- Preparation of check list for inspection of work at the BIP's;
- Assistance on preparation of ToR for Service component and preparation of specifications of computer program in order to implement the system for control of imported and transited products of animal origin and live animals.
- Quality management.

The experts should have:

- Knowledge and experience in the working field;
- Experience in preparing and delivering of training programmes for staff;
- Fluency in English (written and spoken);

• Computer literacy.

3.4.2. Supply Component

A Supply Tender will be organised for procurement of the equipment for the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service:

- Supply of hardware for Border and Transport State Veterinary Service staff which works in customs warehouses approved for storage of non-conforming products of animal origin.

For more detailed information see Annex 5.

3.4.3. Service Component

Service tender for development of the computer program in order to implement the system for control of imported and transited products of animal origin and live animals.

4. Institutional Framework

The Project will support strengthening of administrative capacities of Border Veterinary Inspection Posts.

- The counterpart and the beneficiary for this project is the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service (BTSVS), which is responsible for control of import and transit control of products of animal origin and live animals.

The State Food and Veterinary Service, which reports directly to the Government of Lithuania, follows the EU concept 'from farm to fork', i. e. is responsible for the legislation and control of feedingstuffs, animal health and welfare, veterinary medicines, to hygiene and safety of food, etc. The SFVS has in its subordination the National Veterinary Laboratory, State Inspection on Veterinary Preparations, Border and Transport State Veterinary Service, Food and Veterinary Audit Service, and regional services: 10 County, 34 District, 4 City State Food and Veterinary Services. Border and Transport State Veterinary Service is responsible for implementation of import and transit control at border veterinary inspection posts.

A Steering Committee will be set up to oversee the project implementation. The Steering Committee will meet once in a quarter and it will include the representatives of State Food Veterinary Service, Border and Transport State Veterinary Service, Ministry of Agriculture, the EC Delegation in Vilnius and the National Aid Co-ordinator.

Currently 74 customs warehouses are approved for storage of products, which are under veterinary control. With regard to the Mission of Food and Veterinary Office of Health & Consumer Protection Directorate – General Ref. No. DG (SANCO)/9016/2003-MR concerning import controls and border inspection posts (BIPs) related issues, the list of approved customs warehouses is going to be revised and number of customs warehouses is going to be reduced. The indicative number of customs warehouses, where the non-complying the EU requirements goods under veterinary control are stored, is at Vilnius - 18, Kaunas – 5, Klaipėda - 6, Druskininkai, Marijampolė, Alytus – 4, Šiauliai – 2. Computers will be placed at certain customs warehouses where a lot of consignments are stored.

5. Detailed Budget (MEUR)

	Transit	ional Facility	National	TOTAL		
	Investment	Institution	Total TF	Cofinancing		
	Support	Building	(= I + IB)			
Twinning		0.531	0.531		0.531	
Technical	0.236		0.236	0.079	0.315	
assistance						
Supply	0.062		0.062	0.021	0.083	
Total	0.298	0.531	0.829	0.1	0.929	

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The Implementing Agency is the CPMA. The CPMA will be responsible for tendering and contracting:

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The responsibility for Project preparation, implementation and control will be given to the beneficiary institution.

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6.2 Twinning

The Twinning Team will be located at the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service. The counterparts of the PAA will be:

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The PAA will be working at the Border and Transport State Veterinary Service (BTSVS).

6.3. Non-standard aspects

No no-standard aspects are foreseen. The project will be implemented under the EDIS rules.

6.4. Contracts

There are three tenders foreseen:

Value of the Twinning Covenant: Value of the Supply Tender:

Value of the Technical Assistance Tender:

0.531 MEUR 0.083 MEUR, including 0.021 MEUR of national co-financing 0.315 MEUR, including 0.079 MEUR of national co-financing

7. Implementation Schedule

Component	Start of Tendering	Start of Project Activity	Project completion
Twinning	2Q/04	4Q/04	4Q/05
Supply	2Q/04	4Q/04	2Q/04
Service	2Q/04	4Q/04	2Q/04

8. Equal Opportunity

The Constitution of Lithuania, the Law on Equal Opportunity between Men and Women, and other legal acts explicitly forbid the discrimination on the basis of sex, nationality, and religion. A Controller on equal opportunities between men and women is appointed by the Seimas (the Parliament).

The institution involved in the project execution will observe equal opportunity of men and women in its recruitment and human resources development. Vacancies are equally open to both genders. The beneficiary will also ensure equal access of men and women to the project activities and results.

9. Sustainability

State Food and Veterinary Service has adequate staff and financial resources to maintain the administrative function of the project. Coverage of costs for maintenance and up-date where necessary is foreseen in the budget of State Food and Veterinary Service.

10. Conditionality and sequencing

The project is conditional upon the availability of national co-financing. The project will be sequenced as shown in the Detailed Implementation Chart for the Project.

Annexes to the Project Fiche

- 1. Logframe Planning Matrix.
- 2. Detailed Implementation Chart.
- 3. Cumulative Contracting and Disbursement Schedule for the Project (MEUR).
- 4. List of Relevant Laws and Regulations.
- 5. Investment Part Substantiation (Indicative List of Investment Components of the Project).

LOGFRAME PLANNIN	G MATRIX FOR Project:	Project name and number						
Strengthening of the border veter	inary control system in the Republic of	Contracting period expires: 3Q/06	Disbursement period expires: 3Q/07					
Lithuania		Total Budget: 0.929 MEUR	Transition Facility Budget: 0.829 MEUR					
Overall Objective To strengthen the administrative capacities at Border Veterinary Inspection Posts	Objectively Verifiable Indicators Commission Decision 97/152/EC concerning the information to be entered in the computerized file of consignments of animals or animal products from third countries which are re- dispatched fully implemented as requires Commission Decision 97/394/EC establishing the minimum data required for the database on animals and animal products brought into the Community fully implemented as requires	Source of Verification EU Reports Annual Report of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service.						
Project PurposeTo strengthen administrative and technicalcapacities of staff of Border and Transport StateVeterinary ServiceTo develop the computer program in order toimplement the system for control of imported andtransited products of animal origin and live animals.	Objectively Verifiable Indicators Administrative and control authorities under operation at a proper level Fully operational control system the same as in EU member states	Source of Verification EU Reports Annual Report of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service.	Assumptions Full co-operation between staff of Border Inspection Posts, central office of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service and State Food and Veterinary Service. Trained staff can be retained.					
Results Council Directive 97/78/EC, Commission Decisions 97/152/EC and 97/394/EC are implemented. Border veterinary inspection posts and staff at customs warehouses are properly equipped with computers. Computerized import control database developed Training programme for staff of border inspection posts with regard to EU legislation is developed. Organization of intensive training courses and seminars for 20 border veterinarians. Training will include the study tours to several member states;	Objectively Verifiable Indicators The implementation of programmes on border control Supplies delivered in time and at the proper level Staff trained (120) on border control issues in country and in member states	Source of Verification EU Reports Annual Report of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service.	Assumptions Sufficient absorption capacity in the beneficiary institutions to effectively utilise project recourses. Sufficient budget funds for staffing and operational costs. Trained staff can be retained.					

Activities To evaluate the current control program and to develop program for border control To develop training programs and conduct training To organize study visits to EU member states To procure equipment for border veterinary inspection posts.	MeansTwinning package for strengthening of administrative capacities of border veterinary inspection posts One PAA (12 p/m) Short term experts (6p/m).Supply Tender will be organized.Technical Assistance tender will be organized and ToR will be	Source of Verification EU Reports Annual Report of Border and Transport State Veterinary Service	Assumptions Sufficient absorption capacity in the beneficiary institutions to effectively utilise project resources. Sufficient budget funds for staffing and operational costs. Smooth process of procedures concerning the tendering contracting and implementation.
	prepared.		Preconditions Suitable Twinning partner can be found. Continuing sector policy including maintenance responsibilities National co-financing available.

Detailed Implementation Chart for the Project

Strengthening of the border veterinary control system in the Republic of Lithuania

Year						20	004							2005						2006													
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Twinning																																	
Supply																																	
Service																																	



Annex 3

Cumulative Contracting and Disbursement Schedule (Transition Facility contribution only – 0.829 MEUR)

	2	2004		20)05	2006						
	30/09	31/12	31/03	30/06	30/09	31/12	31/0 3	30/06	30/09	31/12		
Contracting												
• Twinning	0.531											
• Supply	0.062											
Service	0.236											
Total contracting (cumulative)	0.829											
Disbursement												
• Twinning	0.266	0.319	0.372	0.425	0.478	0.531						
• Supply	0.037	0.056	0.056	0.062	0.062	0.062						
Service	0.189	0.189	0.189	0.236	0.236	0.236						
Total disbursement (cumulative)	0.492	0.564	0.617	0.723	0.776	0.829						

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Annex 4

List of Relevant Laws and Regulations

LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Law on Food (Official Gazette 2000, No. 32-893)

Law on Veterinary Activities with its amendments (17.12.1991, No.I-2110) (Official Gazette (OG), 1992, No.2-15; 1999, No.90-2639; 2000. No.61-1804)

Law on the Amendment of the Law on Consumer Protection (Official Gazette 2000, No. 85-2581)

Law on Pharmaceutical Activities with its amendments (31.01.1991, No.I-1025) (OG, 1991, No.6-161; 1996, No.69-1667; 1997, No.58-1332; 2000. No.61-1813)

Law on Pharmaceuticals with its amendments (19.11.1996, No.I-1633) (OG, 1996, No.116-2701; 2000. No.44-1246; 2000. No.61-1809)

Law on Ratification of Agreement on Use of Special Means of Transport Intended for Transportation of Foodstuffs Susceptible to Fast Spoilage (Official Gazette 2000, No. -2046) Law on Amendment of the Law on Product Safety (Official Gazette 2001, No. 64-2324)

ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF STATE FOOD AND VETERINARY SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. 513 of 13 November 2002 on approval of rules on importation of live animals and requirements for implementation of the rules have been prepared according to Council Directive 91/496/EC and Commission Decision 97/794/EC has been transposed.

Order of Director of SFVS No. B1-723 of 8 September, 2003 on approval of requirements on importation of products of animal origin has been prepared according to Council Directive 97/78/EC and Commission Decisions 2000/25/EC, 2000/208/EC, 2002/349/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. 433 of 25 September, 2002 on approval of implementation rules for import of products of animal origin from third countries into Republic of Lithuania according to 93/13/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. 183 of 24 April 2002 on approval of rules on reduced frequency of physical checks of products from third countries has been prepared according to Commission Decision 94/360/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. B1-525 of 11 June, 2003 on mandatory information required for a BIP database and information to be entered for redispatched consignments has been prepared according to Commission Decisions 97/15/EC and 97/394/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. 74 of 27 November, 2002 on approval of customs warehouses, import and export terminals (temporary storage warehouses) and free warehouses has been prepared according to Commission Decision 2000/571/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. B1-524 of 11 June, 2003 on approval of requirements for the approval of border inspection posts responsible for veterinary control has been prepared according to Commission Decision 2001/812/EC and Commission Decision 93/352/EC.

Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. B1-279 of 18 March, 2003 on approval of list of border inspection posts agreed for veterinary checks and updating the rules concerning the checks to be carried out by the experts of Commission has been prepared according to Commission Decision 2001/881/EC.

Annex 5

	Indicative project Budget	Indicative national Co- financing	Total Budget (EUR)
Equipment for 20 customs warehouses			
Hardware (Personal computers (20 units), laser printers (20 units)) Software	26.600	8.900	35.500
Hardware (Server (1 unit))	35.400	12.100	47.500
Total:	62.000	21.000	83.000

Indicative List of Investment Component of the Supply Project

According to Commission Decision 2000/571/EC of 8 September 2000 laying down the methods of veterinary checks for products from third countries destined for introduction into free zones, free warehouses, customs warehouses or operators supplying cross border means of sea transport, the border veterinary inspectors must check the products of animal origin which do not confirm EU requirements and destined for third countries but are stored at the customs warehouses, free warehouses or free zones.

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