

ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED STRATEGY

4a Food Safety Policy, Legislation and Regulations

4a(i) Documentation and formalization of the food safety policy, which fits within the framework of the National Strategy of Health of Population of Tajikistan for 2010 – 2020

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Develop a draft food safety policy after conducting a round table with stakeholders	Short term	Food Safety Coordination Council	Draft Food Safety Policy	
2.	Circulate the draft food safety policy for comment	Short term	MEDT	Comments received from stakeholders	
3.	Finalize and submit the national food safety policy, after considering comments from stakeholders, for adoption	Short term	MEDT and Food Safety Coordination Council	Adopted policy	
4.	Organize public events for dissemination of the Food Safety Policy	Short term	MEDT	Public awareness of Food Safety Policy	

4a(ii) Review of the Law on Technical Regulating 2009 to consider exclusion of SPS measures from the scope of this law, the Law on Inspection of Business Entities 2006 to give flexibility to risk-based inspections and all other laws dealing with food safety

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Review the Law on Technical Regulating 2009 to consider excluding SPS measures from the purview of this law and consequently update the relevant provisions in the Law on Food Safety 2012	Short term	MEDT, Tajikstandart, MoHSPP, MoA, and MoJ	Revised/amended Law on Technical Regulating 2009	
2.	Review the Law on Inspection of Business Entities 2006 to give flexibility for risk-based inspections to all authorized bodies responsible for food safety under the Law on Food Safety 2012	Short term	<u>Committee on Investment and State Properties</u> , MoA, MoHSPP, MEDT, Chamber of Commerce and	Revised/amended Law on Inspection of Business Entities 2006	

			Industry and MoJ		
3.	Review all other laws, which deal with food safety, to ensure their compatibility with the Law on Food Safety 2012, elimination of duplication and harmonization with international standards	Short term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA, MoHSPP, Tajikstandart and MoJ	Revised/amended laws	
4.	Print the revised/amended laws and raise awareness about them to stakeholders	Continual	Respective ministries	Revised laws available to stakeholders Awareness created about the revised/amended laws	
4a(iii) Review of all regulations and SanPins dealing with food safety for elimination of duplication and harmonization with international standards and development of additional subsidiary regulations required for food safety along the food chain					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	List all regulations and SanPins dealing with food safety and identify the additional subsidiary regulations required for food safety along the food chain	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	List of existing and additional regulations and SanPins covering the entire food chain available	
2.	Review existing regulations and SanPins dealing with food safety for elimination of duplication and harmonization with international standards	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Revised or amended regulations and SanPins	
3.	Develop additional subsidiary regulations required, including those that are necessary for implementation of the Law on Food Safety 2012	Medium Term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Additional regulations and SanPins available	
4.	Print the revised/amended and additional regulations and SanPins and raise awareness about them to stakeholders	Continual	Respective ministries	Revised/amended regulations and SanPins and additional subsidiary regulations available Awareness created about	

				the above	
4b Food Control Management and Organization					
4b(i) Consolidation of the multiple agency concept for food control management and reallocation of resources in each entity, for effective and efficient control along the food chain and for minimizing duplication, before considering the establishment of a single food safety agency					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Identify duplication of activities in food control management and organization along the food chain and gaps where no control exists	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Report on streamlined food safety control along the food chain	
2.	Organise a study tour to a country with a well-established multiple agency system for food control management	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA, and MoHSPP	Improved knowledge of staff on the working of a multiple agency system for food control management	
3.	Review the allocation of resources required for effective and efficient control as per roles defined in the updated laws, regulations and SanPins	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Streamlined roles and responsibilities of agencies, with no duplication and gaps in control of food safety along the food chain	
4.	Create awareness in the agencies about their revised roles and responsibilities along the food chain	Medium term	Respective ministries (MoHSPP and MoA)	Staff in agencies aware of the revised roles and responsibilities of their agencies	
5.	Conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a single food safety agency	Long term	<u>MEDT</u> and Food Safety Coordination Council	Report on the feasibility of establishing a single food safety agency and associated road map	
6.	Organise a study tour to a country with a well-established single food control agency	Long term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA, and MoHSPP	Knowledge of staff on the working of a single food	

				control agency improved	
4b(ii) Strengthening of inter-agency coordination to improve the food safety control, to develop national procedures for food safety (emergency response, recall, risk analysis) and for improved communication internally along the food chain and internationally by linking with INFOSAN and RASFF					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Carry out a gap analysis of the inter-agency coordination at each stage of the food supply chain, recommend measures for its improvement and initiate its implementation	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Improved inter-agency coordination at each stage along the food chain	
2.	Develop National Procedures for Emergency Response, Recall and Traceability, and Risk Analysis, and initiate their implementation	Medium term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	National Procedures for Emergency Response, Recall and Traceability, and Risk Analysis are in place	
3.	Strengthen communication in Tajikistan on food safety issues within the region and internationally e.g. through INFOSAN, RASFF	Medium term	Respective ministries (MoA and <u>MoHSPP</u>)	Improved communication in Tajikistan on food safety issues regionally and internationally	
4c Official Control and Inspection services					
4c(i) Conduct of Risk Analysis to categorize food products in Tajikistan and determination of the appropriate type and frequency of risk-based control and inspection required for various categories of products					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Establish a technical working group to conduct risk analysis and train its members	Long term	<u>Food Safety Coordination Council</u> , MoA, MoHSPP and Academy of Science	Working group enabled to conduct risk analysis	

2.	Conduct risk analysis for important food safety issues/hazards and categories of products according to their risk profile	Long term	<u>Academy of Science and Technical</u> working group	Risk-based categorization of products	
3.	Train staff of authorized bodies on FAO's risk-based inspection methodology	Long term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Staff of authorized bodies trained on risk-based inspection methodology	
4.	Conduct a study tour for staff of authorized bodies to a country with a well-established risk-based inspection system	Long term	MEDT, MoA MoHSPP and <u>Committee on Investment and State Property</u>	Knowledge about risk-based inspection procedures improved	
5.	Align Official Control and Inspection procedures for all authorized bodies with FAO's risk-based inspection methodology and document them	Long term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Official control and inspection procedures documented and aligned with risk-based methodology	
6.	Determine and provide inspection kits to the staff of authorized bodies conducting inspections	Long term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Inspection kits available	
7.	Conduct internal training for staff of the authorized bodies conducting inspection in the procedures developed and use of the kit	Long term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Inspection staff trained in revised methodology	
8.	Initiate implementation of risk-based inspections by various authorized bodies	Long term	<u>Committee on Investment and State Property</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Authorized bodies conducting risk-based inspection	

4d Food Control Laboratories and Surveillance

4d(i) Building the capacity of laboratories to conduct tests for food safety hazards according to international standards for all products in Tajikistan and accreditation of the laboratories for these tests

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	List the laboratories involved in food safety at each stage in the food chain including the tests that they need to perform for ensuring food safety in line with international standards	Short term	MoA, MoHSPP and <u>MEDT</u>	List of laboratories involved in food safety and tests that need to be performed	
2.	Consolidate and prioritize the tests required at each stage in the food chain, designate the national reference laboratories by area of analysis and list the equipment, accessories and reagents needed for two years, and give their specifications	Short term	MoA, MoHSPP and <u>MEDT</u>	List of priority tests and equipment needed	
3.	Procure and install equipment	Medium Term	MoA, MoHSPP and <u>MEDT</u>	Equipment installed and operational	
4.	Train laboratory staff in use and maintenance of the equipment	Medium term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Laboratory staff able to perform tests and able to maintain equipment	
5.	Prepare the laboratories for accreditation by an ILAC member	Medium term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Laboratories have documented and implemented quality systems and are ready for accreditation	
6.	Apply for and obtain accreditation by an ILAC member	Long term	Respective ministries (MoA and MoHSPP)	Accredited laboratories for testing food safety	

4d(ii) Analysis of and proposal for restructuring of the network of laboratories of authorized bodies for effective and efficient control of testing for food safety and optimal utilization of resources

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Conduct a detailed assessment of all laboratories of SSSSES, SVIS, SSPIPQ, Tajikstandart and other laboratories in Tajikistan; including the type and number of tests performed by them	Short term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA, MoHSPP and Tajikstandart	Report on assessment of laboratories involved in testing for food safety	
2.	Conduct a feasibility study of combining the resources for testing facilities into one structure and the proposed new laboratory	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA, MoHSPP and	Feasibility study for restructuring the laboratory	

	structure		Tajikstandart	network conducted	
3.	Organize a study tour to a country with a well-established single laboratory structure to test for food safety	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA, MoHSPP and Tajikstandart	Improved knowledge about a single laboratory structure for testing food safety	

4d(iii) Modernization and strengthening of the food control surveillance system, including the early warning system, and ensure appropriate links with surveillance systems for public and animal health

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Establish an Internet-based platform for a holistic surveillance network of human, animal and plant health, including food safety, and linking data from all authorized bodies	Medium term	MoA and <u>MoHSPP</u>	Unified data base for surveillance system	
2.	Establish modern indicators to assess the level of the impact of foodborne diseases to evaluate the effectiveness of the food control system	Medium term	MoA and <u>MoHSPP</u>	Surveillance system based on modern indicators	
3.	Improve surveillance so that it is based on causative agents/factors for all incidences and support investigations by developing guidelines	Medium term	MoA and <u>MoHSPP</u>	Improved data based on causative agents and epidemiology available	
4.	Organise a study tour to a country with a well-established online surveillance system	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , MoA and MoHSPP	Improved knowledge on online surveillance system based on modern indicators	

4e Information, Communication and Education/Training

4e(i) Review and updating of curricula having a component on food safety and hygiene to align them with the requirements of the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene including HACCP, and addition of topics relevant to food safety such as risk analysis, risk-based inspection, early warning systems (RASFF and INFOSAN), etc.

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Carry out a gap analysis of the curricula of various educational	Medium term	<u>Ministry of Education</u>	Gaps in curricula identified	

	institutions providing courses with components on food hygiene and safety against the requirements of the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene including HACCP, and other subjects relevant to food safety		<u>and Science</u> , respective educational institutions, MoA and MoHSP		
2.	Update food safety related curricula of educational institutions as per the gaps identified	Medium term	<u>Ministry of Education and Science</u> and respective educational institutions	Updated curricula	
3.	Train teachers to deliver the revised topics related to food safety in the curricula	Medium term	<u>Ministry of Education and Science</u> and respective educational institutions	Teachers enabled to deliver revised topics	

4e(ii) Development of the capability of relevant organizations to conduct awareness and short-term training programmes on hygiene, food safety and relevant topics for food and agricultural enterprises

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Identify the relevant organizations and the awareness and short-term training programs that need to be conducted in Tajikistan	Short term	<u>MEDT, CCI and UBET</u>	Relevant organizations and awareness/training programs identified	
2.	Develop awareness and short-term training programmes for required topics such as general hygiene (GHP), industry-specific hygiene (e.g. GAP, GVP), HACCP, hazard analysis, pest control, WTO Agreement on SPS, calibration, traceability and recall	Short term	<u>MEDT, CCI and UBET</u>	Materials developed for awareness and training programs	
3.	Conduct training of potential trainers of relevant organizations	Short term	<u>MEDT, CCI and UBET</u>	Potential trainers enabled to carry out awareness and training programs	
4.	Selected trainers conduct awareness and training programs under the supervision of the International Consultant	Medium term	<u>MEDT, CCI and UBET</u>	Awareness and training programs conducted by selected trainers	

5.	Trainers conduct awareness and training programs on their own	Continual	<u>MEDT</u> , CCI and UBET	Sustainability of awareness and training programs	
6.	Conduct awareness campaigns on food hygiene and safety for consumers	Medium Term	Union of Consumers, <u>CCI</u> and MEDT	Improved awareness of consumers on food safety	

4e(iii) Building the capacity of staff of food control agencies on various topics related to food hygiene and safety such as hygiene, HACCP, risk analysis, traceability, risk-based inspection, sampling and testing methods, and accreditation of laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Conduct a seminar for top management of authorized bodies on the management of a modern food control system	Short term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Knowledge of top management on modern food control systems updated	
2.	Authorized bodies for control of food safety jointly identify training programs required for improving the effectiveness of their controls	Short term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Training needs related to food safety identified	
3.	Develop short-term training programmes for required topics such as Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene, HACCP, risk analysis, One Health principles	Short term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Training modules developed	
4.	Conduct training of potential trainers for each authorized body	Short term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Potential trainers enabled to carry out training programs	
5.	Selected trainers conduct training programs under the supervision of the International Consultant	Medium term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Training programs conducted by selected trainers	
6.	Trainers conduct training programs in their respective organizations	Medium term	<u>MoA</u> and MoHSPP	Sustainability of training programs in authorized bodies	

4e(iv) Enhancing participation of Tajikistan in regional and international fora

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1.	Strengthen and improve the operations of the focal points for Codex, OIE and IPPC	Medium term	Respective ministries (MoHSPP and MoA)	Improved functioning of focal points for Codex, OIE and IPPC	
2.	Organize study tours to countries with well-established focal points for Codex, OIE and IPPC	Medium term	Food Safety Coordination Council, MoHSPP and <u>MoA</u>	Improved knowledge on the operations of focal points for Codex, OIE and IPPC	
3.	Strengthen participation of Tajikistan in regional and international committees of interest to the country	Medium term	Food Safety Coordination Council, MoHSPP and <u>MoA</u>	Increase in the number of committees in which Tajikistan is participating	
4.	Strengthen coordination between national focal points	Medium term	MoHSPP and <u>MoA</u>	Regular exchange of information between focal points	

4f Market Access

4f(i) Strengthening of the Service Bureau at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry to provide information about technical requirements in export markets

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Review the current procedures for obtaining information on technical requirements in export markets and recommend measures for improvement, and implement them	Short term	CCI	Comprehensive information on technical requirements obtained promptly	
2.	Organize a study tour to two countries to familiarize with their systems for information retrieval and sharing information about technical requirements in export markets	Short term	MEDT and CCI	Improved knowledge on information retrieval and sharing	
3.	Create awareness among exporters and potential exporters about information retrieval possibilities following Tajikistan's accession to WTO	Short term	CCI	Exporters aware of information retrieval for export	

4f(ii) Establishment of a Sub-committee on TBT and SPS, under the Committee on Trade Facilitation, to benefit from the WTO Agreements on TBT and SPS, and enhancing participation of Tajikistan in these committees					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Initiate action to set up a Sub-committee on TBT and SPS and ensure it meets regularly	Short term	MEDT	Regular meetings of sub-committee	
2.	Organize a study tour to a country with well-established national committees on SPS and TBT, inter alia, to see their functioning and attend their meetings	Short term	<u>MEDT</u> and selected members of Sub-committee on TBT and SPS	Experience obtained on working of national committees on SPS and TBT	
3.	Participation in meetings of the WTO Committees on SPS and TBT	Short term	<u>MEDT</u> and selected members of Sub-committee on TBT and SPS	Understanding functioning of these committees improved	
4f(iii) Development of a market access strategy for Tajikistan, based on a public-private partnership, to benefit, inter alia, from the WTO Agreement on SPS					
S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Obtain information about existing exported products/markets, technical problems faced when exporting, and potential export markets/products	Short term	<u>MEDT</u> , CCI and UBET	Report outlining the current situation	
2.	Adapt methodology of market access strategy in Tajikistan	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , CCI and UBET	Prioritized list of export products, their target markets and associated action plans	
3.	Implement the market access strategy whenever there are specific trade concerns	Continual	<u>MEDT</u> , CCI, UBET and Sub-committee on TBT and SPS	Specific trade concerns resolved	
4f(iv) Promoting awareness and building capacity on implementation of voluntary standards (international and private) on food hygiene and safety in the Tajik food industry as self-control and due diligence					

S. No	ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME	IMPLEMENTING BODIES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	COST ESTIMATE
1.	Conduct an awareness campaign on voluntary (international and private) standards on food hygiene and safety for industry	Short term	<u>MEDT</u> , Tajikstandart, CCI and UBET	Enterprises are aware of various voluntary standards	
2.	Conduct pilot projects for implementation of specific standards including certification such as HACCP, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, BRC, GLOBALG.A.P., and certification to these standards	Medium term	<u>MEDT</u> , Tajikstandart CCI and UBET	For each pilot project 10 enterprises have implemented standards, five trainee local consultants have been enabled to act as consultants, and three enterprises have been certified by an accredited certification body	
3.	Provide assistance to enable Tajikstandart to become an accredited certification body for ISO 22000 by an IAF member	Medium term	Tajikstandart	Tajikstandart accredited for ISO 22000 certification	
TOTAL COST FOR THE STRATEGY					

Note: Cost estimate does not include project administration and local transport costs

The implementing body that is underlined has prime responsibility for implementation. Where there are two bodies and none underlined, they have joint responsibility