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**The FAO National Training Workshop:  
“Strengthening Food Standard Setting and participation  
in Codex activities in Cambodia”**

**“Support to Capacity Building and Implementation of International Food Safety  
Standards in ASEAN Countries” (GCP/RAS/280/JPN)  
InterContinental Phnom Penh, 19-21 February 2014, Cambodia**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

**Background**

The FAO Regional project “Support to Capacity Building and Implementation of International Food Safety Standards in ASEAN Countries” GCP/RAS/280/JPN was launched on December 2011 as a five-year regional project for strengthening the capacities of ASEAN countries in contributing to Codex Standards-setting and Implementing the adopted Codex Standards.

The project has already organized two regional workshops; an inception workshop “Principles and further Activities for Codex Implementation” in September 2012 in Bangkok and a training workshop “Food Recall and Traceability -Application in National Food Safety Control” in February 2013 in Chiang Mai, and two regional training course “Strengthening Capacity of Data Collection and Generation for Food Safety Risk Analysis” in June 2013 in Tokyo and “Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria” in November 2013 in Hanoi.

Since the beginning of the project, through inception mission in August 2012, the inception workshop in September 2012 and workshop and training courses in 2013, Cambodian Government and FAORAP have been continuously discussing on current food safety situation and needs for strengthen capacity on standards-setting both activities on Codex and national standards setting and harmonization of National standards in Cambodia with Codex standards.

Cambodia has actively participated to the project activities and participants of the various workshops and training programmes had enhanced their knowledge on the concept of risk analysis and on implementation of the same including in case of food safety emergencies as well as enhanced their capacity for data collection and generation.

Cambodia strengthened its multiple agency National food control system by establishing PRACAS 868 to define responsibilities of related Ministries. Under this system, Cambodia

had developed National standards and food safety regulations partly by adopting/adapting selected Codex standards relevant to Cambodia. However, the same were not fully accepted in view of varying opinions on the procedures to be followed for standards setting and significant discussions have been held on the same.

Considering current situation, it is realized that harmonizing national standard setting procedures among different national agencies is the most urgent activity in Cambodia. For this purpose, it is critical to improve knowledge on understanding the Codex standards setting process and contributing to the same; and process for developing national standards including harmonization with international Codex standards as well as other National standards. It is also important to understand the role of regulatory standards/ documents and voluntary standards framed by the National Standards Body and the role of each.

As a result of these activities, capacity to enact a comprehensive food safety regulation containing national standards harmonized both with Codex and within the country, which is in tune with the government policy to adopt Codex norms, will be developed.

With the above background, the national training workshop on Strengthening Standard Setting and participation in Codex activities in Cambodia is being organized

### **Objectives**

The general objective of the training course is to enhance capacity for food safety standards setting including contributing to Codex standards work. Specific objectives of this training course are as follows:

- 1) To understand the importance and principles of SPS/TBT in relation to standards development
- 2) To enhance understanding of basic concept of Codex risk analysis framework and its link to standard development
- 3) To enhance knowledge about Codex standards setting structure, procedures and activities
- 4) To strengthen participation in and contribute to Codex standards setting activities
- 5) To understand Cambodia's national standardization structure and activities and support to strengthen the same
- 6) To discuss and consider national road map for strengthening national standard setting structure and procedures in Cambodia

### **Training Course Methodology**

The training course methodology will be consisting of lectures, sharing of other country experiences followed by discussions and group work.

### **Expected Outputs**

- 1) Enhanced understanding of the importance of standards in relation to SPS/TBT Agreements and the basic concept of Codex risk analysis framework and its link to standard development
- 2) Enhanced knowledge about Codex standards setting structure, procedures and activities and strengthened capacity for participation in Codex standard setting

- 3) Enhanced understanding of Cambodia's national standardization structure and role of different organizations/ agencies
- 4) Draft road map for harmonizing national standard setting procedures
- 5) Report of the workshop to cover;
  - entire proceedings of the workshop
  - current activities relating to standard setting
  - Draft road map

### **Profile of Participants**

Participants are invited from different department or agency responsible for food safety control defined in PRACAS 868 specifically with regard to standards development and implementation. Participants should be involved in food safety standard setting, implementing standards of national and international level, the work of Codex Alimentarius.

As the workshop will be conducted in English, all those attending must be fluent in that language. Female candidates are encouraged.