

First Preliminary Draft Agenda Sub-regional Stakeholder Consultation on Issues in Benchmarking National Codes on Good Agricultural Practice for Horticultural Products to EurepGAP

Workshop jointly organized by INMETRO and UNCTAD
Othon Palace Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, 8-10 December 2005

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

The meeting aims at discussing policy aspects of the development and the benchmarking of national codes on Good Agricultural Practice for horticultural products to the EurepGAP standard. In particular, the discussion will focus on how national conditions and development priorities, including those related to small- and medium-sized producers can be reflected in a national GAP code and what roles Governments and public-private partnerships should play in preparing and implementing the national codes and their benchmarking. The meeting will target policy analysis, awareness-raising and stakeholder involvement, rather than technical aspects of the design and implementation of GAP. The meeting aims at an open sub-regional dialogue between government, private sector and academia representatives, based on country-case studies on Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Costa Rica as well as a study of the EurepGAP secretariat on the concept, procedural requirements and preliminary experience with benchmarking of national GAP codes. The meeting is part of the sector-focused project activities of UNCTAD's Consultative Task Force on Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Developing Countries.

Thursday, 8 December 2005

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | REGISTRATION |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Welcome address – Inmetro, <i>Dr. João Jornada</i>

Opening remarks by UNCTAD and EurepGAP
<i>Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, Ms. Elmé Coetzer</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Introductory presentation: Food safety and quality requirements, international trade rules and the role of international supply-chain requirements such as EUREPGAP
<i>Speaker: Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD secretariat</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | The importance of Integrated Pest Management and traditional forms of production for assuring high food safety and quality as well as occupational safety
<i>Speaker: Mr. Allan Hruska, FAO</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Inmetro's program on Good Agricultural Practice,
<i>Speaker: Mr. Alfredo Lobo, Inmetro</i> |

12:00 – 12:30	Brazil's experience with GAP <i>José Rozalvo Andrigueto, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Question and answer session
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 – 15:00	Conceptual and procedural aspects of the benchmarking option under EurepGAP <i>Speaker: Ms. Elmé Coetzert, EurepGAP</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Chile's experience on implementing a national GAP benchmarked to EurepGAP <i>Speaker: Mr. Allan Hruska, FAO</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Question and answer session
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 – 17:00	EUREPGAP – Potential and challenges in South and Central America <i>Speaker: Ms. Elmé Coetzer, EurepGAP</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Question and answers

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09:30 – 10:10	Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Brazil <i>Speaker: Mr. Paul Espanion, Instituto Biodinamico</i>
10:10 – 10:30	Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Argentina <i>Speaker: Ms. Valeria Glusman, GFRS</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Questions and answers
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:10	Reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option – results of the country-case study on Costa Rica <i>Speaker: Mr. Lloyd Rivera, INCAE</i>
12:10 – 13:00	Questions and answers
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 – 16:00	Discussion group work (participants are free to choose their subject)

Group 1: Strengths and weaknesses of EurepGAP in Latin America – current experiences from Latin American producers
EurepGAP is harmonizing purchasing standards of individual retailers and thereby avoids confusion among producers and consumers; Predictability of requirements and related

efforts and investments for producers and exporters; Are the detailed technical requirements of EurepGAP actually serving its purpose/objective? Uncertainty whether EurepGAP retailers will actually buy preferentially from EurepGAP certified producers; Risk of undue influence of specific interests.

Facilitator: Mr. René Vossenaar, formerly with the UNCTAD secretariat

Group 2: What are the main differences between national GAPs (e.g. Chile GAP) and EurepGAP in terms of objectives (national food safety versus meeting export requirements), scope (domestic market versus export market), target audience (large numbers of local producers versus small numbers of specialized growers producing for export), etc? Implications for bench-marking?

Facilitator: Mr. Allan Hruska, FAO

Group 3: Discussion of key issues that emerged from the country-case studies on reflecting national conditions and development priorities under the benchmarking option.

Facilitator: Mr. Alfredo Lobo, Inmetro

16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 – 17:00	Reports of the facilitators on the outcome of the discussion groups
17:00 – 17:45	Interactive discussion on the general findings and the way forward <i>Moderated by UNCTAD, EurepGAP and Inmetro</i>
17:45 – 18:00	Implications of the findings for the further work of UNCTAD's Consultative Task Force on Environmental Requirements and Market Access
18:00	Closure of meeting

Saturday, 10 December 2005

10:00 – 15:00	Field trip
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