



# The 'Better Training for Safer Food' programme

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A DG SANTE training initiative for EU and non-EU country officials who undertake controls on sanitary and phytosanitary issues.

## *Areas covered*

- Food law
- Feed law
- Animal health rules
- Animal welfare rules
- Plant health rules



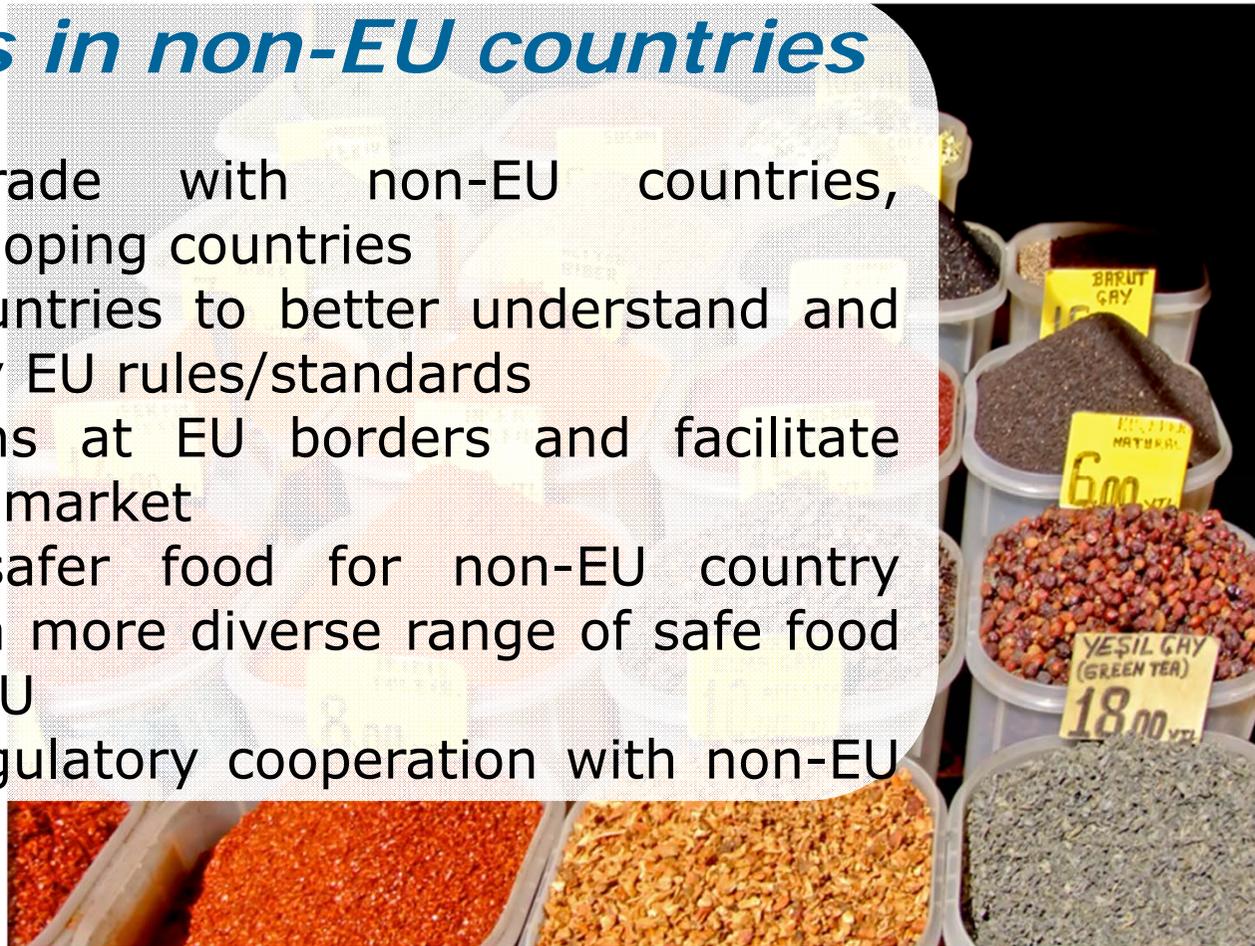
## *General objectives*

- High levels of competence and awareness of EU rules amongst official control staff
- Ensure more uniform, objective and efficient controls throughout the EU
- High levels of consumer protection, animal health and welfare and plant health
- Level playing field for food businesses



## *Specific aims in non-EU countries*

- Ensure fair trade with non-EU countries, particularly developing countries
- Help non-EU countries to better understand and meet more easily EU rules/standards
- Reduce rejections at EU borders and facilitate access to the EU market
- Contribute to safer food for non-EU country consumers and a more diverse range of safe food products in the EU
- Enhance SPS regulatory cooperation with non-EU countries



## *Characteristics of training*

- *Training is organised by external contractors*
- *Training types*
  - *Regional workshops*
  - *Secondment of individual experts (Sustained training missions)*
- *Basic principles*
  - *To favour knowledge/experience sharing and networking*
  - *To follow a train-the-trainer approach*



## ***BTSF in figures from 2006 to 2014***

***More than 1100 events***

***More than 47.000 participants***

***Budget of approx. € 110 million***

*Approx. 33% of this activity covers third countries*



## *Non-EU country programmes*

### ***BTSF International Standards Setting Bodies***

⇒ to train participants on how to set international SPS standards  
(training on process)

### ***BTSF World***

⇒ To provide technical training to both authorities and private sector  
in order to improve and reinforce the SPS framework  
(training on content)



## ***BTSF-ISSB – Main features***

- Covering 2014-2015
- Five 3-day regional workshops:
  - 2 workshops on Codex Alimentarius for CIS/ENP and Mediterranean/ENP countries
  - 2 workshops on OIE in CIS/ENP and Mediterranean/ENP countries
  - 1 workshops on IPPC in ENP countries
- Close collaboration with Commission staff and international standards setting bodies
- Tutors mainly from the above and EU Member States' experts



## ***BTSF World – Main features***

- *covering 2013-2016*
- *covering two main topics*
  - Food safety and plant health
  - Animal health and welfare
- *covering three different regions in the world*
  - Africa and ENP countries,
  - Latin America and the Caribbean,
  - Asia and the Pacific



## ***BTSF in EU capacity building***

### ***DG SANTE involvement?***

- Through the BTSF initiative
- As a technical support to other cooperation programmes in the SPS field (PIP, EDES)

### ***How?***

- In collaboration/coordination with DG DEVCO and EEAS
- In collaboration/cooperation with international organisations

= in particular for Africa, close coordination with the African Union (i.e. BTSF Africa)



## *Framework of future DG SANTE capacity building actions in Africa*

- Pan-African multi-indicative programme for 2014-2017 put forward as a main result
  - = Improved coordination at continental and trans-regional levels in SPS-related activities including activities related to animal health, plant health, food safety, control and certification/ as well as agricultural standards related activities.
- Request from the African Union to assist in creating a Pan-African food safety management coordination mechanism (AU-FSMCM) including an AU-RASFF (rapid alert system for food and feed)



## *Actions in Africa to reach these goals*

*8 regional workshops in:*

- **Kenya - January 2014 (Plant Health Controls/PPP)**
- **Senegal – April 2014 (RASFF/TRACES)**
- **Morocco – December 2014 (Plant Health/PPP)**
- **Botswana – December 2014 (FMD)**
- **Burkina Faso – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2015 (Food hygiene)**
- **Cameroon – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (Plant Health)**
- **Ethiopia – 1st semester 2016 (Food hygiene)**
- **Tunisia (tbc) – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2015 (Animal Health)**

*Around 300 sustained training mission days*

# *Thank you for your kind attention*

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/training\\_strategy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm)

<http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/food/index.html>

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