



Activity Title and Number: Seminar on food safety legislation and regulation A444-C3

Beneficiary: General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)

Location and Date: Beijing; November 3, 2015.

Stakeholders: Livestock producers, food industry, and Academic institutions, CFDA and MOA.

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) organised a high level seminar in Chongqing in May 2015 to promote the "One Belt, One Road" (OBOR) initiative and the integration of the transit of food products in the European (non-EU) and Eurasian countries. After this seminar, AQSIQ and the EU agreed to have a seminar in Beijing to promote the harmonisation of the standards related to agricultural products among all the countries involved in the in the OBOR initiative. Specifically, the following themes were identified: Market access of European beef, Electronic exchange of data and Transit of food products in the European (non-EU) and Eurasian countries. An EU delegation headed by the Commissioner of DG SANTE participated in this seminar. This activity was a follow-up of the seminar organised in March 2011 on BSE surveillance (A012C3) and the study assignment on improving the capacity on BSE risk analysis (A035C3) held in September 2011.

Activity Description

This interactive event was attended by 80 participants from the Chinese competent authorities and the EU and non EU diplomatic mission representatives. Presentations were made by AQSIQ, EC officials from DG SANTE and, representatives of the governments of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia.

Topics covered included:

- The Federal Service for Veterinary surveillance in Russia;
- Surveillance and control of agricultural products of Mongolia;
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary surveillance in Kazakhstan;
- The role of the ministry of Agriculture on food safety in Belarus;
- The importance of the harmonisation of the food standards in trade in the EU and the current international gaps.



"One Belt One Road" representatives during the seminar on 3 November, 2015, Beijing.

Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Participants gained new knowledge about the control and surveillance systems implemented in the countries involved in the OBOR initiative to ensure the safety of the products traded in the region.
- ✓ A Joint statement was signed by China, EU, Belarus, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Russia to cooperate on agricultural product standards that impact international trade.