



SOUTH ASIA SUBREGEIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (SASEC)

BRAIN STORMING MEETING ON SANITARY/ PHYTOSANITARY PRIORITIES AND CHALANGES

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MALDIVES

LEGAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL SETUP

LAWS AND REGULATIONS	IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY
<p>1. PLANT PROTECTION ACT 12/2011- Came into force on 12 December 2011 the legal basis of performance of entry-exit quarantine for entry-exit inspection.</p>	<p>Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture</p>
<p>2. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT</p>	<p>Health Protection Agency</p>
<p>3. Port Health Regulation</p>	<p>Health Protection Agency</p>
<p>4. Animal Health and Production bill (in AG Office for parliament approval)</p>	<p>Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture</p>
<p>5. Plant Import Regulation (in AG Office for comment)</p>	<p>Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture</p>
<p>6. Animal Quarantine Regulation</p>	<p>Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture</p>

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7. FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY BILL	Maldives Food and Drug Authority
8. Food import Regulation (Draft)	Maldives Food and Drug Authority

LEGAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL SETUP

- Ministry of Health (MOH)
 - Health Protection Agency (HPA)
 - Maldives Food and Drug Authority / Food Control Division (MFDA/FCD)
- Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture (MoFA)

CHALLENGES

- Lack of proper legal framework
- Inadequate human resource
- Lack of skilled personnel
- Lack of political commitment pertain to implementation of Laws and regulations.
- Financial constraints
- Lack of disease diagnostic capacity
- Lack of awareness on quarantine procedures

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- Legislative policies
- Institutional development specially laboratories
- Human resource development and capacity building
- Infrastructural facilities
- Public Awareness programs for the officers of interrelated institutions and other stake holders (importers & general public)
- International corporation on strengthening of quarantine system

