

## PROJECT REPORT SUMMARY

<b>Project nr:</b>	ZT(2010)3/1
<b>Subject:</b>	Offering to the South African public sector a series of food safety seminars in the margins of two training workshops on the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and Chemical Mixtures (GHS) in Durban and Pretoria, South Africa.
<b>Offered to (ZT): Sponsored by (RT): Contracted by (FT):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orange House Partnership (OHP): costs of the preparation of the seminars by two OHP experts (5 days), plus time involved in the seminars (4 days);</li> <li>• Additional hotel and transport costs were covered by the South African Association for Food Science and Technology (SAAFoST) and the South African Research Council.</li> </ul>
<b>Start and end-dates:</b>	9 – 17 March 2011
<b>Experts involved:</b>	<p><u>OHP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Herman Koëter, Managing Director and member of the Management Board, OHP, Brussels, Belgium;</li> <li>• Dr Iona Pratt, Food Safety Authority of Ireland and OHP expert.</li> </ul> <p><u>SAAFoST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Owen Frisby, Executive Director, SAAFoST, Pretoria, South Africa;</li> <li>• Dr Madelein Jansen, Chairperson, SAAFoST Kwazulu Natal Region, and Flavour Craft, South Africa.</li> </ul> <p><u>The Food Safety Network:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Linda Jackson, Project Co-Owner</li> </ul>
<b>Background and Objectives:</b>	Taking the opportunity of Orange House Partnership's experts being in South Africa from 9-16 March for a series of training workshops on the GHS in Durban (Kwazulu Natal province) and Midrand (Gauteng province) [see R/RT(2010)8/1 for the full report of the GHS training in South Africa in March 2011], the South African Association for Food Science and Technology (SAAFoST) suggested government authorities to request OHP to give a few seminars for the public and private sector on food safety issues. The Department of Health, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications, the University of Pretoria and the Agricultural Research Council all showed as strong interest in such seminars and provided their support.
<b>Meetings and Missions:</b>	<p>The following meetings were arranged by OHP and SAAFoST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Orange House Partnership Food Safety Seminar</u>, 9 March 2011, Blue Waters Hotel, Durban, South Africa. Dr Pratt and</li> </ul>

	<p>Dr Koëter each gave a lecture and worked with the participants through a practical exercise on the safety of aspartame (Dr. Pratt) and the risk of methyl mercury in fish (Dr. Koëter), respectively. The meeting venue, invitations and drinks were arranged by SAAFoST, the meeting content was developed by OHP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Orange House Partnership Mini Seminar on Food and Feed Risk assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance</u>, 16 March 2011, ARC congress center, Irene, South Africa. Dr. Koëter gave a series of lectures/case studies and Dr. Linda Jackson of the Food Safety Network gave a lecture on microbiological risk assessment. The meeting venue, invitations and food and drinks were arranged by SAAFoST, the meeting content was developed by OHP and Linda Jackson.</li> <li>• <u>SAAFoST Symposium</u>, 17 March 2011, 3M South Africa Premises, Woodmeat, South Africa. At this meeting, organised fully by SAAFoST, Dr Koëter gave two lectures on the assessment of GMO hazards and on methyl mercury in fish, respectively.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Main topics and observations:</b></p>	<p>At the 3 meetings, OHP experts addressed the scientific principles of risk assessment, the functioning of the Codex Alimentarius, food security concerns and a wide variety of food safety issues, including chemical contamination, GMO' in food, food colours and sweeteners. Both representatives of the various public sector bodies as mentioned under 'Background and Objectives' above and the private (food producing) sector were enthusiastic. Also the lecture given by Dr Linda Jackson on microbiological hazards was received as an outstanding presentation: very informative as well as witty.</p> <p>All three meetings provided an excellent opportunity to network with South African experts and to introduce OHP.</p>
<p><b>Documentation (to be attached):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document M/A/ZT(2010)3/1: Agenda of the seminar of 9 March in Durban;</li> <li>• Document M/A/ZT(2010)3/2: Agenda of the mini seminar of 16 March in Irene;</li> <li>• Agenda of the SAAFoST symposium of 17 March in Woodmeat;</li> <li>• R/RT(2010)8/1: Full project report of the GHS training workshops in South Africa in March 2011;</li> <li>• PDF files of the lectures given by Dr Pratt and Dr Koëter (upon request).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p>24 May 2011</p>
<p><b>Signature:</b></p>	<p>Herman B.W.M.Koëter</p>