

United States Government
2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
COSTA RICA

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Food Safety and Regulatory Enforcement Training (Equivalence): Costa Rica	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) utilized an expert, a retired Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) contractor, to provide in-country audit preparation training to appropriate Ministry officials of the Costa Rican Government. The officials were provided with assistance that will allow for a greater capacity and methodology to review and evaluate the equivalence of foreign food safety systems. The goal of the intervention is to facilitate trade by establishing regulatory procedures that are harmonized among all the members in accordance with internationally recognized scientific standards. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	33,670
Poultry Food Safety and Regulatory Enforcement Assessment: Costa Rica	The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided initial assessment and preliminary training to several poultry facilities looking to meet requirements of the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) of the USDA for exporting poultry and poultry products to the United States. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	33,670
Poultry Food Safety and Regulatory Enforcement Training: Costa Rica	To assist Costa Rica in preparation for its audit by the U.S. Food Safety Inspection Service, a U.S. team spent one-week in Costa Rica with the Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Service to inspect poultry plant systems, provide technical advice and training where appropriate on areas of deficiency identified during the March visit. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	33,670
Support for Machine Tools Manufacturing Project for Import and Export	Support to a machine tools manufacturing project that will import equipment and export much of its output. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Other Trade Facilitation	128,500
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Government-Debt Program	The Government Debt Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to help the Government of Costa Rica to improve its strategic debt management, leading to more prudent fiscal policies, an expanded its financial sector, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	23,571
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Tax Program	The Tax Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to help the Government of Costa Rica to improve its tax administration capacity, leading to more prudent fiscal policies, a more favorable business climate, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	131,876
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Assistance to Costa Rica			384,957