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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM AT MISSIONS ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 88 FORECAST OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ANTICIPATED RESULTS STATED IN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN

POST : 404-MILAN

002-FISHERIES, SEA PRODUCTS & SERV. ITALY

PLANNING:

ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN POST PLAN:

PREPARE REPORT ON FROZEN SALMON MARKET IN NORTHERN ITALY HIGHLIG-HTING PREFERRED SPECIES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

ORGANIZE PROMOTIONAL DINNERS IN COOPERATION WITH AGENTS AND IM-PORTERS TARGETTED AT SELECTED AUDIENCES (E.G. RESTAURANTERS, ASSO-CIATIONS, INSTITUTIONS).

IDENTIFY ALL ITALIAN SMOKE HOUSES FOR SALMON PRODUCTS AND DISTRI-BUTE LIST OF QUALIFIED CANADIAN FRESH SALMON EXPORTERS.

DIRECT QUARTERLY MAIL TO ITALIAN IMPORTERS AND DISTRIBUTORS RE CANADIAN SUPPLY AND PRICES.

ORGANIZE CANADA DAY FISH PROMOTION & RECEPTION IN COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL ITALIAN IMPORTERS UTILIZING DIRECT MAIL AIMED AT CONSUMERS, LOC. DISTRIBUTORS & SPECIALIZED TRADE MEDIA.

PREPARE PERSPECTIVE REPORT ON POSSIBLE IMPORTS OF CANNED TUNA TO ITALY.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

CAPTURE GREATER SHARE OF GROWING FROZEN SAL-MON IMPORTS MARKET.

INCREASED AWARENESS & CONSUMPTION OF QUALITY CANADIAN FISH (SALMON, COD, LOBSTER, CLAMS).

EXPANDED SUPPLIER NETWORK OF FRESH SALMON PRODUCERS IN CANADA.

INCREASED AWARENESS FOR PROGRAMMED PROCURE-MENT REQUESTED BY ITALIAN BUYERS.

ATTENDANCE BY MAJOR TRADE CONTACTS & PUBLICA-TION OF RELATED INFORMATION IN MAJOR ITALY FISH INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS (GRATIS).

DETERMINE IF VIABLE MARKET EXISTS FOR CANA-DIAN PRODUCT.

TRACKING: ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN QUARTER:

QUARTER: 1 IDENTIFY AND APPOINT NEW DISTRIBUTORS AND IMPORTERS FOR LIVE AND FROZEN LOBSTERS, SALMON & GRND FISH. ORG. PART'N IN THE INT'L FISHING EQPT. & FISH PRODS FAIR IN ANCONA (THE LARGEST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN).

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QUARTER: 3 Participate in and support local agents Xmas smoked salmon promotional campaign and lobby Ancona Fish and Fish Equipment Fair for Canadian participation; respond to Cdn coys inquiries.

QUARTER: 4 Series of visits to various importers and distributors as well as to fish market.

QUARTERLY RESULTS REPORTED:

3 MAJOR IMPORTERS/DISTRIBUTORS APPOINTED WITH SHARP INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF FISH PRODS. POOR RESPONSE FROM CDN FIRMS - MUCH INTEREST PART OF INTL PARTS - RECOMMEND RELUCTANTLY WE DO NOT AP-PLY TIME, EFFORT, RESOURCES IN THE FUTURE.

Most exhr's expect signif.sales and/or apptmt of an agent over next 12 mths or otherwise come out with good understanding of local informatics mkt BIMU, SICURREZZA & Nuove Techn.fair visits unveil led ongoing jv discussions & agency agreements.

Allowed exchanges of information on prices, market trends, etc. Also new contacts made and support provided to agents of Cdn exporters.