

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova
and
the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary
on Food Safety, Animal Health and Phytosanitary Cooperation

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Recognizing the importance of establishing an effective food safety system to ensure a high level of consumer protection,

Desiring to promote the development of cooperation in the sanitary-veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety domains,

Have agreed to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

Article 1

Objectives of cooperation

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote and implement activities that shall contribute to strengthening cooperation between the Parties in the food safety, sanitary-veterinary and phytosanitary domains.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the rights and obligations of each Party arising from international treaties to which they are parties and their membership in international organisations dealing with plant protection and sanitary-veterinary issues.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

In view of a comprehensive and integrated approach to food safety, this Memorandum of Understanding covers all the aspects of food safety, sanitary-veterinary and phytosanitary domains. Special attention will be paid to the following areas:

- a) Plant protection and plant health;
- b) Ensuring the health and welfare of animals, preventing the transmission of infectious diseases;
- c) Traceability of the food chain;
- d) Ensuring food and feed quality and safety;
- e) Alternative methods of crop protection;
- f) Radiological control of food and feed;
- g) Promotion of organic agricultural practices;
- h) The practice of mutual recognition of pesticides;

- i) Methodology of performing trials (in field conditions) of pesticides;
- j) Improving the monitoring and reporting system for animal health;
- k) Enhancing practices for diagnosing infectious diseases and risk analysis of infectious diseases as a result of import-export operations;
- l) Methods of control and prevention of animal diseases;
- m) Supervision of the identification and traceability of animals and ensuring animal welfare;
- n) Consolidation of the laboratory system;
- o) Application of standards and regulations of food safety and quality;
- p) Control and monitoring methodologies of establishments producing food of non-animal origin;
- q) Control of food additives in products of non-animal origin.

When deemed useful, the Parties will organise meetings to evaluate results of cooperation and elaborate programmes for cooperation in order to define common activities and methods for their implementation. The Parties may decide to create technical working groups that will contribute to the accomplishment of programmes and implementation of the identified cooperation priorities.

Article 3 Activities

According to the available funds and personnel, laws and regulations in force in the respective countries, the Parties will encourage and contribute to the promotion of bilateral cooperation aiming to support and develop food safety, animal health and phytosanitary domains by means of the following activities:

- a) Exchange of information;
- b) Study visits of specialists and experts, exchange of the research results;
- c) Exchange of experience and practices;
- d) Organization of meetings, workshops, trainings and conferences;
- e) Any other form of cooperation agreed by both Parties.

Article 4 Cooperation with Relevant Agencies

In order to facilitate bilateral relations, the Parties shall encourage the establishment of cooperation between the agencies and institutions of the two countries responsible for food safety, animal health, phytosanitary or other relevant activities.

Article 5 Dispute Settlement

Any divergences arising from the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be solved through negotiations and consultations by the Parties.

Article 6
Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised and amended at any time, by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such revisions or amendments will enter into force on the date determined by the Parties and will form an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 7

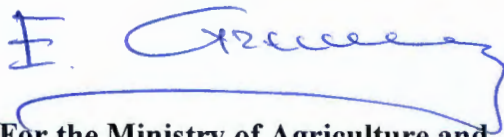
Entry into force, duration and termination of the Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the 30th (thirtieth) day from the receipt of the written notification, through diplomatic channels, by which the Republic of Moldova informs Hungary about the completion of its internal legal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum is concluded for a period of 5 years, after which it will be automatically extended for consecutive periods of 5 years, unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least 6 months prior to expiration of its initial period of validity.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of on-going programmes, projects or activities agreed upon prior to the date of the termination of this Memorandum.

Signed at BUDAPEST on December 5, 2016 in two original copies, each of them in Romanian, Hungarian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



**For the Ministry of Agriculture and
Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova**



**For the Ministry of Agriculture
of Hungary**