## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

## AND

## THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION (EEC)

The Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the provisions of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Commission of 18 November, 2011, Moscow, and the International agreement for the creation of the Office International des Epizooties of 25 January 1924, Paris,

Noting the important role of protection of animal health for livestock development and safe trade of animals and animal products, and also for protection of the population from diseases transmitted from animals to humans,

Taking into consideration the mutual interest in cooperation between the Parties in the sphere of veterinary science,

Based on the principles of mutual respect, openness and honesty,

Came to a mutual understanding on the following:

- 1. The Parties intend to cooperate in the framework of their competence in the sphere of veterinary science in the following directions:
  - Cooperation on issues, relating to the protection of animal health, prevention and control of animal diseases, including diseases that are common to man and animals (zoonoses);
  - Cooperation by contributing to the procedures used by the World Organisation for Animal Health to set and update international standards on animal health and animal welfare.
- 2. Cooperation under the Memorandum shall be conducted by:
  - Exchange of normative and technical documentation and information of mutual interest:
  - Participation of representatives of one Party in the events held by the other Party;
  - Consulting on issues of mutual interest.
- 3. Responsible for coordination of interaction of the Parties for the implementation of the Memorandum are:
  - From the side of the Eurasian Economic Commission the Department for sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary measures of the Eurasian Economic Commission;
  - From the side of the World Organisation for Animal Health the Regional Representation of the OIE in Moscow.

- 4. The Memorandum is not an international Treaty and does not create rights and obligations governed by international law. The Memorandum also does not impose on the Parties to any financial obligations.
- 5. The Memorandum applies from the date of its signing by the Parties.
- 6. Any Party may withdraw from this Memorandum through the sending to the other Party written notice. The application of the Memorandum shall be terminated after a 3 month from the date of receipt of such notification by the other Party.
- 7. On mutual agreement the Memorandum may be amended by signing the relevant Protocol, which will be an integral part of this Memorandum.

Done, in duplicate, each in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Paris, 10 January 2014

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