

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

The World Farmers' Organisation (WFO)

an international association established in 2011, with its headquarters located at Roma, Italy, represented by its Executive Director, Mr. Marco Marzano, (hereinafter referred to as WFO)

AND

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

an intergovernmental organization, created by the International Agreement for the creation of the Office International des Epizooties, done in Paris, 25 January 1924, with its headquarters located at 12 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, represented by its Director General Dr Bernard Vallat, (hereinafter referred to as OIE)

Preamble

Considering that the WFO was established in 2011 as a representative organisation bringing together organisations of agricultural producers (and their cooperatives) from all agricultural sectors and from any country in the world ,

Considering that, according to these Statutes, the main objective of WFO is to create policies and advocate on the behalf of its Members to improve the economic and social conditions of the producers, their families and communities,

Considering that the OIE is recognised as a the reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) for international animal health standards,

Considering that the OIE works on safeguarding world trade by publishing health sanitary standards for international trade in animals and animal products for Member Countries to protect themselves from the introduction of diseases and pathogens and avoid their spread worldwide,

The OIE and the WFO (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed to the following:

1. Objectives and scope of the cooperation

1.1 The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) will keep the other party informed of activities that may be of mutual interest.

1.2 Each Organisation will invite the other to participate as an observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

1.3 The OIE and WFO will exchange their catalogue of publications to enable both organizations to request publications on activities related to their work. The OIE and WFO will exchange free copies of documents and publications on subjects of mutual interest. Both organizations will benefit from the concessionary rates applied to their affiliated members or organizations for further orders of publications.

1.4. The two Organisations will endeavor to cooperate further through both formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest, in particular on the issues listed bellow:

- Provision of general information on the livestock sector, particularly on its relations and interactions with official veterinary services and their designated representatives, and animal health and welfare and public health issues,

- Exchange of views on the development and revision of international standards and guides to good practice on animal health, zoonoses, animal production food safety, and animal welfare relevant to international trade;
- Exchange of views on relevant aspects of animal health, traceability, zoonoses, animal welfare and animal production food safety, in particular with regard to the position and role of producers;
- Exchange of views on the approach by intergovernmental bodies such as WHO, FAO and their subsidiary bodies (Codex Alimentarius Commission) to animal disease and zoonosis surveillance and control strategies which may impact on the production and trade of animals and animal products and affect livestock producers;
- Exchange of views on communication strategies, in particular in cases of health emergencies.

2. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall be effective as of its signature by both parties (the “Effective Date”) without any set duration, other than through termination in virtue of below paragraph.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at a jointly agreed time or by giving the other party three months advance written notice of termination.

3. Amendment

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.

4. Non-enforceability clause

This Agreement is a non-binding statement of the Parties’ mutual understanding of their proposed collaboration framework. The Agreement is not intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations in respect of either Party, including any obligation on their part to enter into any Supplemental Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have executed this Agreement in the English language in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Date : 9 November 2012

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