

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, hereinafter referred to as the Parties

With the intention of establishing and developing co-operation between the Parties in the field of animal health; and with a view to protecting the territory of each country from introduction of animal\* diseases and infection; and facilitating the trade of animals and products of animal origin and animal reproductive materials between Vietnam and India;

Have reached the following understanding:

**Article I**

The Parties agree to co-operate in the field of animal health and adopt necessary methods to prevent, control and eradicate animal diseases with the view of avoiding the introduction of animal diseases and infection from either country to the other caused by the trade of animals, products of animal origin and materials of animal reproduction.

**Article II**

The Parties agree to coordinate closely to manage the movement of animals and animal products to ensure the safe trade development.

*\*Animals in this MOU include terrestrial, aquatic animals and amphibians*

The Parties agree to formulate and to sign detailed agreements with necessary approvals from their respective authorities on veterinary sanitary terms and requirement to serve the safe export and import of animals and animal products between two countries in accordance with the domestic laws of the Parties.

### **Article III**

Within the framework of this MOU, the Parties subject to their respective domestic laws, agree to:

1. Exchange special information on animal health in general and particularly information on status of animal diseases of common concern, standards and procedures for animal quarantine and inspection, status and progress of surveillance and monitoring programmes in place for animal diseases and food-borne pathogens;
2. Exchange of special information on meat processing, meat products and slaughter houses/abattoirs;
3. Set up Mutual Recognition Agreement on Veterinary hygiene, health certificate between competent authorities of the two Parties;
4. Co-operate in the training and upgrading human resources in the field of animal health;

### **Article IV**

The Parties shall promptly notify each other of the disease outbreaks within their own territory following the guidelines set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The Parties shall also notify each other of the fisheries diseases following the guidelines of the Aquatic Animal Health Code of OIE.



#### **Article V**

The Parties shall exchange delegations, workshops, expert visits, training and share information on veterinary research, if necessary.

Each Party shall be responsible for its expenditure except as otherwise agreed upon by authorized veterinary bodies of the two countries.

#### **Article VI**

The agencies which are invested with full authority to implement this MOU are:

For Vietnam: The Department of Animal Health of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

For India: The Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of India.

#### **Article VII**

The Parties agree that any disagreement pertaining to the implementation/ application of this MOU shall be settled through negotiations in the spirit of good friendship and solidarity between the Parties.

#### **Article VIII**

This MOU may be modified when agreed in writing by the Parties.

#### **Article IX**

This MOU shall not have any influence or detrimental impacts on the rights and obligations of the Parties in any agreement signed by either Party with third Parties.

## Article X

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signature, and shall remain in force for a period of 10 (ten) years unless either of the Parties gives prior written notice of at least six months to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MoU.

The termination of this MoU shall not affect the execution of any obligations and contract commenced during the existence of MoU.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this MoU.

Done at Hanoi on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in two original copies in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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