


*Ministry Of Agriculture
Animal Resources Directorate*


Ministero della Salute
DIPARTIMENTO DELLA SANITÀ PUBBLICA VETERINARIA,
DELLA SICUREZZA ALIMENTARE E
DEGLI ORGANI COLLEGIALI PER LA TUTELA DELLA SALUTE
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TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF LEBANON IN THE FIELD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Italy and the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon, hereinafter called “the Parties”,

WISHING to further strengthen their cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine,

A VIEW TO keep infectious diseases and zoonoses under control in our respective Countries and to assure the safety of food of animal origin,

CONSIDERING the mutual interest for extended trade in live animals and products of animal origin,

Have agreed on the following:

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ARTICLE 1

1. To strengthen and intensify bilateral collaboration in the veterinary field, the Parties will facilitate through the Department of Veterinary Public Health, Nutrition and Food Safety for Italy and the Animal Resources Directorate for Lebanon:

- a) The cooperation between the veterinary services and relevant institutions of the two Countries;
- b) The exchange of veterinary officers and scientists in order to share knowledge of the scientific and technical achievements in the veterinary field;
- c) The exchange of information on animal health and hygiene aspects relating to production and processing of products of animal origin;
- d) The exchange of information on methods applied to contain animal diseases and on the issues relating to the veterinary public health status;
- e) The exchange of bacterial and viral strains used for manufacturing biological products (antigens, sera, vaccines and others);
- f) The organization of training courses also through the use of web-based technology and the mutual participation of experts in symposia and seminars organised by the Parties;
- g) The implementation of research projects of mutual interest concerning animal diseases control and food safety as well as the surveillance thereof;
- h) The use of laboratories for the production of diagnostics, reagents and antigens for vaccine production for the control of animal diseases.

2. The implementation of the obligations as set out in paragraph 1 of this article will be defined by an exchange of letters of intents between the relevant Authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

The parties will reciprocally exchange information on disease outbreaks included in the former list A of the Animal Health World Organization (hereinafter referred to as O.I.E.) and on any other disease which poses a hazard to public health as well as on the relevant measures adopted for the monitoring and eradication of such diseases, in line with EU directives/regulations and the OIE provisions.

ARTICLE 3

In order to safeguard human and animal health, the Parties will apply the appropriate provisions regulating their trade in live animals and products of animal origin, in compliance also with the obligations deriving from their membership in international organizations and institutions.

ARTICLE 4

With a view to implement this Agreement, the Parties shall inform each other on a regular basis by means of official correspondence.



ARTICLE 5

1. This Agreement will come into force on the date of its signature by the Parties.
2. This Agreement is concluded after a five year period. It will automatically be renewed for a further five years if none of the Parties notifies the other Party of its intention to cancel it. Such notification must be sent to the competent Authority of the other Party not later than six months before the expiry date.
3. The Parties agree, if the need arises, to modify this Agreement by mutual consent; the amendments thus agreed will come into force by exchange of letters.

Done in*Beirut*..... on ..*5th October 2012* in duplicate, one written in Italian and the other in English, the two texts having equal validity. In case of divergence the English text shall prevail.

ON BEHALF OF
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE
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