

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GENERAL AGENCY FOR SPECIALIZED INSPECTION OF MONGOLIA
AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF ITALY
ON THE COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF FOOD AND NUTRITION**

The General Agency for Specialized Inspection of Mongolia (GASI) and the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic through the Directorate General for Food Hygiene and Safety and Nutrition as acting body, hereinafter referred to as the Parties.

Considering the Technical Agreement on the cooperation in the veterinary field between the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia, signed in Beijing (People's Republic of China) on May the 29th 2012;

Guided by the willingness to further strengthen the collaboration between the two Countries in the field of food and nutrition:

Being aware that this collaboration may contribute to improving the health conditions of their respective populations:

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- 1.1. The Parties will encourage the collaboration in the fields of food inspection and nutrition, to enhance increasing food and nutrition supply and develop an healthy and safe international trade.
- 1.2. The Parties will act according to principles of equality and reciprocity, in consideration of respective benefits and in compliance with national laws.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE

The Parties shall use their best endeavors to promote:

- the exchange of laws and regulations and any other relevant documentation of their respective countries in the field of food inspection and nutrition;
- direct contacts between relevant institutions and organizations in their countries;
- the reciprocal exchange of experts, visits by delegations and the attendance of specialists in the field of inspection to scientific meetings and conferences organized by both Parties;
- the exchange of information about problems related to export and import inspections and rapid alert system in the food sector, which will be solved on the basis of science through friendly mutual consultation;

- the exchange of experts, methodologies and good laboratory practices related to laboratory food control;
- the process of harmonization of Mongolian standards to those of the European Union;
- such other forms of collaboration, as may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 3 - IMPLEMENTATION

3.1. The Parties will set up a joint monitoring and coordination Commission, directed both to consider priorities in the collaboration framework, also through the elaboration of Action Plans, and to keep the respective Administrations periodically informed on the progress of the collaboration. The Commission will include at least three members for each Party and will be guided by a senior official of each Party. Such group will gather as agreed upon by the Parties, and in any case not more than once a year, alternately in Mongolia and Italy, and may be supported in the different disciplines by experts appointed by both Parties.

ARTICLE 4 – FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1. The activities provided by this Memorandum of Understanding would be carried out compatibly with the financial resources available in the budget of both Parties.
- 4.2. The Parties will decide on the location for the activities referred under article 2 by consensus.
- 4.3. In case of short-term missions, the host country will bear the expenses related to organization of the event, and the sending Party will bear all the costs, including the international travel, accommodation and transportation fees, when experts and personnel exchanges are conducted.
- 4.4. In case of long-term missions, the Parties would make consultations on financing arrangements, on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE 5 – OTHER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1. The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and all the activities undertaken pursuant to it, shall be subject to the respective legislation of each Party, without prejudice to Italy obligations as member of the European Union.
- 5.2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the international rights and obligations of both Parties.

ARTICLE 6 – COME INTO EFFECT, AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT

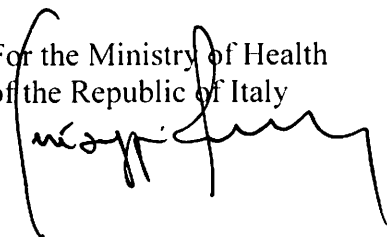
This Memorandum of Understanding shall produce its effects from the date of its signature and shall remain effective for a period of five years, and shall automatically be extended for additional periods of five years each, unless terminated by either Party giving at least six months written prior notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and supplemented by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Any modification of the Memorandum of Understanding shall produce its effects through the procedures deemed necessary to this purpose.

Signed in *Rome*, on *16/09/15* in the Mongolian, Italian and English languages, in two original copies, equally authentic. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Health
of the Republic of Italy



For the General Agency for
Specialized Inspection of Mongolia

