

Arrangement

for

Agricultural, Livestock and Agro-Industrial Cooperation

between

the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand

and

the Ministry of Agro-Industry of the Argentine Republic

The Ministry for Primary Industries of NEW ZEALAND and the Ministry of Agro-Industry of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”;

AWARE of reaffirming the common interest and desire to strengthen the friendly cooperation relations between NEW ZEALAND and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC;

CONSIDERING that mutual cooperation in the agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial sectors contributes to economic development and the improvement of their peoples' quality of life;

STRESSING the need for regular consultations about issues of concern to the agricultural, livestock and agri-food sectors;

RECOGNIZING the important role of these sectors to enhance economic development and that the exchange of agricultural technology, education, experience, knowledge and products will benefit both countries;

WELCOMING the enhancement of mutual understanding and friendship that will be achieved as a result of increased agricultural trade and cooperation;

RECALLING the “Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of New Zealand and the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food of the Argentine Republic on Cooperation in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters” of 25 June 1999;

RECALLING the “Cooperation Arrangement between the Ministry of Fisheries of New Zealand and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Argentine Republic” of 17 December 2004;

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

Purpose

The Participants intend to establish, within the scope of their respective competencies, a general framework for cooperation in the agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial sectors including aspects related to primary production, technological innovation, rural development, value addition, marketing and the promotion of economic relations between both countries and with third countries.

Paragraph 2

Areas for Cooperation

The Participants will seek to cooperate through joint work in the following areas of mutual interest, regardless of others that might be included in the context of this cooperation:

- a. Agriculture: Planting system technologies; sustainable soil use and management; irrigation techniques; harvest and post-harvest

management; agricultural biotechnology and bio-controls, research of genetically modified organisms; production and processing technology for farm products.

- b. Livestock: genetic breeding, cloning, development of silvo-pastoral systems; efficiency in beef and milk production systems.
- c. Seeds: Seed treatment; genetic breeding, certification and registration.
- d. Sanitary, phytosanitary and food safety matters, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of New Zealand and the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food of the Argentine Republic on Cooperation in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters of 25 June 1999.
- e. Marketing and market development of agri-food products.
- f. Forest production: Exchange of information and experiences in forestry policies, development of products and species.
- g. Fisheries: Fishing policies; exchange of information on fishing monitoring systems; and aquaculture development.
- h. Wine production: production and processing systems, aspects related to marketing, import and export, and relations between agencies enforcing specific regulations.
- i. Promotion of rural development and smallholder farming.
- j. Climate change.

Paragraph 3

Cooperation Activities

Cooperation may take place as follows:

- a. Institution-building support through training, advice and information exchange in relation to regulatory frameworks and rules adopted in the agricultural, forestry, fishing and agri-food contexts.
- b. Joint organization of research projects, exchange of experts and support to training of professionals and experts.
- c. Exchange of statistical and technical information, documentation, materials and results of research projects of mutual interest.
- d. Strengthening of links between research and educational institutions of both countries in order to improve the research and development of the sector in relation to agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial production, climate change, biosafety and food.
- e. Participation of representatives from the Participants in exhibitions, workshops and conferences held within the territories of NEW ZEALAND and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC or in third countries.
- f. Promotion of trade in agri-food products, machinery and inputs for the agri-food industry through trade missions, participation in fairs, business rounds, or others.
- g. Development of activities leading to the increase of the trade opportunities of NEW ZEALAND and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC within the scope of their competencies.
- h. Assistance in the establishment of direct economic relations among stakeholders of the agri-food, forestry and fishing sectors of NEW ZEALAND and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

- i. Development of forms of association for agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial joint ventures between companies of NEW ZEALAND and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.
- j. Identification of areas of mutual interest for potential investments in the agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial sectors.
- k. Joint work within the scope of their competencies in international fora of mutual interest, including but not limited to the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG), the Committee for Agriculture of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the G20 Agriculture Group; the Cairns Group and the agricultural negotiations held in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Paragraph 4 Implementation

In order to coordinate the implementation of this Arrangement, the Participants will establish a direct dialogue mechanism.

Whenever deemed necessary, the Participants may create a joint committee, hereinafter the “Committee”, which will be responsible for agreeing on actions and supervising issues prioritized by the Participants.

The Participants or the Committee will hold face-to-face meetings as frequently as deemed convenient, alternately in one State or the other.

Paragraph 5 Funding of Cooperation

The expenses derived from the cooperation activities decided and developed in the context of this Arrangement shall be borne by the

Participants, with their own funding resources, as established at the beginning of each cooperation activity to be developed.

Paragraph 6

Focal Points

For the purpose of coordinating, ensuring and implementing the cooperation activities, the Participants hereby designate Agricultural Counsellor, Ministry for Primary Industries of the MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES of NEW ZEALAND and the NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL AGRI-FOOD AFFAIRS of the MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC as Focal Points for the implementation of this Arrangement.

Paragraph 7

Effective Date and Termination

This Arrangement will become effective on the date of its signature, remain in effect for a period of FIVE (5) years and be automatically renewed for the same period, unless a Participant informs the other Participant of its intention to terminate it upon written notice at least SIX (6) months before the expiration date hereof.

The termination of this Arrangement shall not interrupt the projects and programs already in progress.

Signed in Feilding, New Zealand, on 16 March 2017, in TWO (2) original copies in the English and Spanish languages, both texts having equal validity.

**For the MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY
INDUSTRIES of NEW ZEALAND**

**For the MINISTRY OF AGRO-
INDUSTRY of the ARGENTINE
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