AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

ON COOPERATION IN ANIMAL HEALTH AND QUARANTINE

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties");

DESIRING to further strengthen the cooperation in the area of animal health and quarantine;

AIMING to prevent transboundary introduction and/or spread of animal epizootic diseases;

WISHING to facilitate and promote the trade of animals and animal products between the two countries and protect the safety of the agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries, as well as public health;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

1. "Animals" means mammals, birds, reptiles, bees; amphibians, fishes, crustaceans, mollusks, aquatic mammals and other species of aquatic animals.

2. "Products of animal origin" means meat, eggs, milk, bee honey, beeswax, royal jelly, sperm, animal embryos, blood, animal internal organs,

hide, feather and hair, bone, horns, ivory, claws and other products of animal origin.

3. "International Veterinary Certificate" means a certificate patterned after the model certificate of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

Article 2

Objectives

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate for the protection of their national territories against the transboundary introduction of animal epizootic diseases as the result of import, export or transit of animals, animal products, means of transportation, packaging and containers which could possibly be pathogen vectors.

Article 3

Principles

Animals or animal products exported from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party shall comply with the other Contracting Party's regulations and relevant agreements concluded by the Contracting Parties, and must be accompanied by an original international veterinary certificate issued by the competent veterinary authority of the exporting country. The international veterinary certificate shall be written in English as well as, optionally, the official language of the exporting country.

The Parties agree to cooperate in the application of SPS measures according to the principles of the WTO/SPS Agreement and in compliance with their respective laws and regulation.

Article 4

Quarantine Inspections

(1) The Contracting Parties shall conduct quarantine inspections on the animals and animal products imported from the other Contracting Party in accordance with its own animal quarantine or administrative regulations and

rules. Each Contracting Party has the right to conduct quarantine treatment to the infected articles discovered.

(2) The measures applied by each Contracting Party shall not create unnecessary obstacles to the two countries' trade of animals and products of animal origin.

(3) Each Contracting Party shall, upon discovering animal diseases, pathogen vectors or any other pests or things not in compliance with the animal health and quarantine laws, administrative regulations and rules concerned, notify the other Party without delay.

Article 5

Scope of Cooperation

The Contracting Parties will facilitate cooperation on administration, science, technology and information exchange in the areas of animal health and quarantine by way of:

a) Informing each other immediately of the details of the following events in their own territory: (i) First occurrence and/or reoccurrence of an OIE listed disease and/or infection. (ii) First occurrence of new strain(s) of a pathogen of an OIE listed disease. (iii) A sudden and unexpected increase in the distribution, incidence or mortality of an OIE listed disease.

b) Exchange of animal disease information and inform each other of the control measures applied to prevent the animal infectious diseases.

c) Cooperation between the central animal quarantine and veterinary administrations to exchange management experience and negotiate to achieve mutual recognition of equivalence in animal quarantine.

d) Exchange of animal quarantine techniques and veterinary achievements by seminars or other activities.

e) Based on mutual Agreement, the quarantine authorities of the Contracting Parties may jointly organize and carry out animal quarantine

inspection; The host country should create favorable conditions to conduct animal quarantine activities according to regulations of each of the contracting parties.

f) Assist each other in order to implement effectively the SPS Agreement (WTO/SPS Agreement), particularly by carrying out international standard for sanitary and phytosanitary measures; Depending on the practical situation, the Parties agree to discuss and sign equivalence agreement on inspection and sanitary and phytosanitary certificate system, consistent with equivalence principles of WTO/SPS Agreement.

g) Depending on the necessary level, the competent authorities of Contracting parties can organize a meeting for dealing with problems concerning the implementing this Agreement. The place, timing and necessary expenses for the meeting shall be decided in negotiations by Contracting Parties.

Article 6

Responsible Authorities

The following authorities are responsible for the implementation of this Agreement:

For the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Department of Animal Health

For the State of Israel:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Veterinary Services and Animal Health

Article 7

Expenses

The cost that emerge from the fulfillment of the Agreement will be covered from the following sources: In principal, for the visit between the animal quarantine or veterinary administrations concerning the implementation or the exchange of management experience, and in case either Contracting Party invites specialists or researchers of the other Contracting Party to participate in seminars or other scientific reunions, the expenses will be covered by the sending Party according to the current regulations of both Parties and financial ability of each Party. These expenses also can be solved through negotiation of the Contracting Party.

Article 8

Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the implementation of the Agreement will be directly discussed and resolved by the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties. In case this is not successful, they shall be settled amicably by the diplomatic channels.

Article 9

Amendments

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties, and in writing.

Article 10

Other Agreements

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties arising from other bilateral and multilateral agreements in which Viet Nam and Israel are parties.

Article 11

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter in to force 30 (thirty) days after the date of receipt of the last notification whereby the two Contracting Parties notify each other in writing that their respective internal procedures required for its entry into force have been completed. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) years and shall be automatically extended for additional five-year periods, unless either Contracting Party expresses its wish to terminate it by means of a written notice at least 3 (three) months before the expiration of the Agreement.

Done in ISRAEL on 15TH of May 2012, which corresponds with the 23rd day of Iyar, 5772 of the Hebrew Calendar, in two original copies, each in the Vietnamese, Hebrew and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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