MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary
and
the Eurasian Economic Commission
on cooperation in the field of agroindustrial complex

The Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary and the Eurasian Economic Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

in acknowledgement of the importance of further development and deepening of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of agroindustrial complex between Hungary, on the one hand and the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter referred to as the Member States), on the other hand,

taking into account the pursuit of development and deepening of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of agroindustrial complex,

in aware of the leading role of agriculture in the provision of food supply security and economic development of the Member States and Hungary,

recognizing the necessity to ensure veterinary and phytosanitary security of the territories of the Member States and Hungary in the process of mutual trade, as well as security of food products,

making a special emphasis on achievements exchange in the field of agricultural sciences, experience in agricultural production, recent developments and cultivation technologies for agricultural crops, as well as issues connected with organization of a plant quarantine service and prospective development of the ecological farming,

in order to reinforce trade and economic cooperation between Hungary and the Member States, to make it more productive and to intensify efforts of the Parties aimed at achieving maximum efficiency of cooperation,

recognizing that the Member States and Hungary have the potential to increase the volumes of mutual trade,

being guided by the principles of equity and transparency in mutual trade,

have come to mutual understanding on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties intend to maintain cooperation in the sphere of the agroindustrial sector within the scope of their jurisdiction in the following directions:

a) promoting the development

of trade of agricultural produce and products of its processing;

of crop farming, including cultivated plants seeds farming;

of animal breeding, including livestock breeding;

of food and processing industries;

b) implementing sanitary and phytosanitary measures;

c) providing information on achievements in the field of new plant varieties constituting items of intellectual property;

d) other directions of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation within the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as Memorandum) is carried out via:

sharing experience in the sphere of the agroindustrial complex;

sharing information on measures influencing mutual trade between the Member States and Hungary;

sharing information on measures conducted in the sphere of the agroindustrial complex of the Member States and Hungary;

identifying barriers in the trade of agricultural goods and food products, and elaboration of guidance of their decrease and elimination;

sharing statistical information on dynamics of trade flows in the sphere of the agroindustrial complex between the Member States and Hungary;

conducting joint consultations, conferences, working seminars, discussions and other events on areas of concern and elaboration of guidance on their solution;

assisting the cooperation of business circles, associations and business communities on the matters of mutual interest;

implementing other types of cooperation.

ARTICLE 3

In order to develop cooperation in the directions specified in Paragraph 1 of the present Memorandum, the Parties may produce plans for joint actions.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties will share information in the course of implementing the present Memorandum under the international treaties and acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union and the legislation of Hungary. Information received by the Parties under the present Memorandum, may be transferred only to the Member States; and it may be shared with third parties only with the consent of the Party providing it.

In the course of implementing the present Memorandum, the information may be shared in Russian, English and Hungarian languages.

ARTICLE 5

In order to define the strategic direction of cooperation and to increase its practical relevance, the Parties intend to carry out meetings involving organizations and institutions represented at management level in the sphere of the agroindustrial complex, at least once a year. Delegation of the Eurasian Economic Commission may include authorized representatives of the Member States.

Experts, representatives of business circles and other interested persons may also take part in these meetings at mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

The present Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create rights or obligations governed by international law.

ARTICLE 7

The present Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

ARTICLE 8

By mutual consent of the Parties the present Memorandum may be amended by signing a corresponding Protocol.

ARTICLE 9

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by written notification of one of the Parties to the other. The termination will be effective from the date when such notification is received by the other Party.

The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the implementation of ongoing project activities or programs decided on the basis of this Memorandum.

Done in the city of Budapest on 26 september 2016, in duplicate, in Hungarian, Russian, and English and languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary

For the Eurasian Economic Commission