

**LETTER OF INTENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE MINISTRY OF**  
**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES OF JAPAN**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SANTA CATARINA,**  
**OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAPAN (MOFA)**, located at 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8919, Japan, hereafter represented by Mr. NOGUCHI Yasushi, Director-General Assistant Minister (Ambassador) for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, and **THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES OF JAPAN (MAFF)**, located at 1-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8950, Japan, hereafter represented by Mr. MORI Shigeki, Director General for Export and International Affairs Bureau, and **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SANTA CATARINA**, a public entity, headquartered at the Government Administrative Center, Rod. SC 401 – Km 15, nº 4.600, Saco Grande, Florianópolis -SC, Zip Code: 88032-900 hereafter represented by His Excellency Governor Mr. Jorginho Mello express the following recognition:

**Paragraph 1 (One)**

1.1 This Letter of Intent (LOI) is made between MOFA, MAFF and the Government of the State of Santa Catarina of the Federative Republic of Brazil, hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants”;

1.2 This LOI is based on the Strategic and Global Partnership Action Plan Japan-Brazil (2025-2030) announced by the Government of Japan, and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March in 2025, which states stable food supply of Brazilian grains to Japan.

1.3 The Participants recognize the importance of developing logistic infrastructure networks for transporting goods, above all agricultural products, which include ports and other relevant facilities, in cooperation with private sectors’ stakeholders of both Japan and Brazil;

1.4 In particular, the Participants wish to enhance export capacity of the Port of Sao Francisco do Sul, Santa Catarina, which would contribute to develop Brazil’s agribusiness sector, and strengthen Japan’s food security through a stable supply of grains from abroad.

**Paragraph 2 (Two)**

2.1 For this purpose, the Participants wish to cooperate to improve business environment for Japanese firms operating in the State of Santa Catarina in the field of agricultural and food-related industry.

### **Paragraph 3 (Three)**

3.1 This LOI is not legally binding and is not intended to create any binding rights or obligations under national or international laws on the Participants;

3.2 This LOI does not create any binding obligation for either Participant to contribute financial resources and does not constitute any type of matter that serves as a basis for the transfer of financial resources.

### **Paragraph 4 (Four)**

4.1 This LOI will commence on the date of its signature and continue for 2 (two) years;

4.2 Participants may modify and supplement this LOI by mutual consent. The modifications will come into operation upon signature by the representatives of the Participants of the corresponding documents.

### **Paragraph 5 (Five)**

5.1 Any disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or implementation of this document will be resolved through consultation between the Participants.

### **Paragraph 6 (Six)**

6.1 For the purposes of this LOI the Participants' respective addresses are:

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)**

2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8919, Japan

#### **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF)**

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#### **Government of the State of Santa Catarina**

Centro Administrativo do Governo Rod. SC 401 –Km 15, nº 4.600, Saco Grande, Florianópolis -SC, ZIP CODE: 88032-900

**Paragraph 7 (Seven)**

7.1 The Participants sign this LOI in three (03) original copies in Japanese, Portuguese and English. The English version will prevail over the Japanese and the Portuguese versions.

Signed in Tokyo, Japan, on the \_\_\_\_ of June in 2025.

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**JORGINHO MELLO**

Governor of the State of Santa Catarina  
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