

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHING, FORESTRY
AND AGROINDUSTRY BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGROINDUSTRY
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES OF JAPAN**

The MINISTRY OF AGROINDUSTRY of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES of JAPAN, herein after referred to as "the Participants",

Sharing the desire to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation that exist between the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and JAPAN and to promote broad and effective cooperation in matters of agriculture, livestock, fishing, forestry and agroindustry in a mutually beneficial manner;

Resolved to intensify dialogue that facilitates commercial exchanges in these sectors between the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and JAPAN; and

Recognizing the importance of enhancing direct relationships between private actors in the agrifood, forestry and fisheries sectors, through joint undertakings of agricultural, fisheries and agroindustrial businesses of both countries and the identification of areas of mutual interest for potential investors in these areas;

Have decided the following:

Paragraph 1 Scope

The Participants decide to establish, within the scope of their respective authorities, a mechanism for dialogue to promote cooperation in the agriculture, livestock, fishing, forestry and agroindustrial sectors.

The priority areas of cooperation will include:

- Policies, demand-supply, production and trade of agricultural, livestock, fishery and forestry products between the two countries;
- Food security, non-tariff measures, and other common issues between the two countries;
- Research and technological innovation;
- Business and investment promotion in the above mentioned sectors; and
- Other areas as mutually decided by the Participants.

Paragraph 2 Joint Committee

A "Joint Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, Forestry and Agroindustrial Cooperation" will be established to implement this Memorandum of Cooperation, which will be charged with the coordination of activities to be developed in the framework of this cooperation.

The respective delegations will be headed by authorities at vice-ministerial, director-general or deputy director-general level and will include government officials and technical experts of the Participants. They will invite representatives of the private sector whenever they consider necessary.

The Joint Committee will meet annually, in principle. Meetings will be held alternately in the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and JAPAN. The Participants will decide the agenda, date and place of meeting sufficiently in advance.

Paragraph 3 Focal Point

The Participants will designate as focal points for the implementation of the present Memorandum of Cooperation:

- The National Direction for International Agrifood Relations of the MINISTRY OF AGROINDUSTRY of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and
- The Regional Affairs Division, International Affairs Department of the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES of JAPAN.

Paragraph 4 Implementation

The Participants will exchange information and opinions, and promote the development of cooperation provided in the previous paragraphs through joint activities, including consultations on trade-related issues.

The Participants will decide the most suitable means to carry out the cooperation in the areas identified in paragraph 1, taking into consideration projects carried out by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Paragraph 5 Rights and Obligations

The present Memorandum of Cooperation does not create any rights or obligations under international laws for either of the Participants; and will, in no way, affect the commitments of the existing bilateral agreements between the two countries.

Paragraph 6 Funding

The present Memorandum of Cooperation does not imply any financial commitments for either of the Participants. Activities pursuant to this Memorandum of Cooperation are subject to the availability of resources, laws and regulations and policies of the respective countries.

The sending Participant will bear the cost of transportation and lodging of its representatives or technical experts, and the receiving Participant will make logistical arrangements for holding meetings of the Joint Committee pursuant to the present Memorandum of Cooperation.

Paragraph 7 Modification

Any addition or modification to the present Memorandum of Cooperation will be made by mutual written consent to the Participants.

Paragraph 8 Duration

The present Memorandum of Cooperation will commence on the date of its signature for a period of FIVE (5) years, renewable automatically for equal and successive periods, unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing of its wish to terminate no less than SIX (6) months in advance of the date of termination.

Signed at Tokyo on the 19th day of the month of May of 2017 in TWO (2) original copies in the Spanish, Japanese and English languages. In case of divergences in interpretation, the English version will prevail.

**For the MINISTRY OF AGROINDUSTRY of
the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

**For the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY AND FISHERIES of
JAPAN**