

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE
CONCERNING FOOD SAFETY**

BETWEEN

**THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA
AND
THE AUSTRALIAN OFFICE, TAIPEI**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) embodies understandings between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Australia and the Australian Office, Taipei, (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants") and sets out a framework through which the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Taiwan (TFDA), may work with the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), for the purposes of furthering cooperation and collaboration between the Participants and fostering information exchange concerning food safety. The two Participants will cooperate on equal and reciprocal terms.

1. AIMS

- (a) To promote the exchange of information and increased understanding concerning food safety to the benefit of both Participants.
- (b) To promote the strength of each Participant in training and risk assessment of food safety issues.

2. COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

- (a) The Participants will explore opportunities for cooperation in food safety activities, including through:
 - Information exchange, including in post market surveillance and border inspection and reports, workshops and conferences;
 - International risk assessment programs – By promoting risk assessment cooperation plans for related projects in both countries, the objectives are to enhance the risk assessment capabilities of both Participants, develop international collaborative platforms and enable full participation in international food safety programs; and
 - Secondments – to facilitate collaboration on: residue control of pesticides and veterinary drugs; exposure assessment of contaminants and food additives; microbiological contaminants; and related food safety matters, between relevant specialists, subject to the operational constraints of each Participant.

3. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each Participant will determine the affordability of collaboration activities.
- (b) Each Participant will be responsible for its own expenses incurred in any collaboration activities.
- (c) Each Participant will bear the travel expenses of its own staff during exchange programs and visits.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND COLLABORATION

- (a) Bilateral meetings will be held on an as needs basis as mutually determined by the Participants to:
 - develop and review cooperation activities;
 - discuss food safety issues of interest to both Participants; and
 - work together on food safety and related issues associated with the trade in food products between both countries.
- (b) Each Participant will include other agencies as appropriate.

5. LIAISON OFFICIALS

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6. CONFIDENTIALITY

- (a) Information shared between the Participants will be kept confidential between the Participants as a matter of course unless otherwise agreed by the Participants.

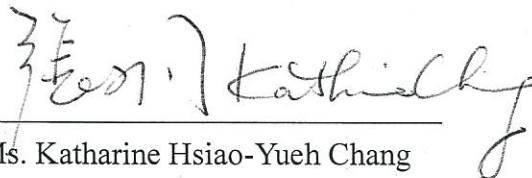
7. ENTRY INTO EFFECT, REVIEW, MODIFICATION AND
TERMINATION

- (a) This MOU will come into effect upon signature.
- (b) The provisions of this MOU will be jointly reviewed by the Participants after two (2) years from the date of coming into effect.
- (c) This MOU may be amended and supplemented as mutually consented to in writing by both Participants at any time.
- (d) This MOU does not preclude the Participants having separate agreements concerning food safety.
- (e) Either Participant may terminate this MOU at any time by giving six (6) months' prior written notice to the other Participant. This MOU will cease to have effect six (6) months after receipt thereof by the other Participant.


Signed in Canberra on 20 June 2012 in the English language.

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