

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
TAIWAN FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
AND
AUSTRIAN AGENCY FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
ON COOPERATION CONCERNING FOOD SAFETY

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (hereinafter referred to as "TFDA") and the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (hereinafter referred to as "AGES"), for the purposes of furthering cooperation and collaboration between the Parties and fostering information exchange concerning food safety and its related matters.

The Parties agree to cooperate on equal and reciprocal terms. More detailed cooperation programs can be arranged further.

1. AIMS

- (a) To ensure that there is adequate exchange of information concerning food safety to the benefit of the Parties.
- (b) To promote the strength of each Party in training and risk assessment.

2. PROGRAMS

- (a) Information exchange – to develop programs for information exchange through post market surveillance and border inspection and reports, workshops and conferences.
- (b) International risk assessment programs – to promote risk assessment corporate plans for related projects in both countries. The objectives being to enhance risk assessment capabilities of scientists, develop international collaborative platforms, and enable full participation in international food safety programs.

- (c) Secondments – to facilitate collaboration on residue control of pesticides and veterinary drugs, exposure assessment of contamination and food additives, microbiological contamination and related food safety matters, between specialists in the related disciplines in their competence, subject to the limitations of each Party.

3. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each Party shall determine the affordability of the annual agreement of collaborations.
- (b) Each Party is responsible for its own expenses for the above collaboration.
- (c) Each Party will bear the travel expenses of its staff during exchange programs and visits.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND COLLABORATION

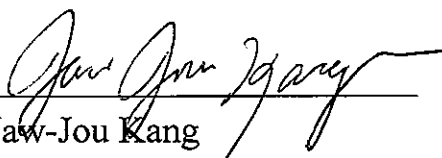
- (a) This Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented directly between TFDA and AGES. Each Party will designate competent agencies as contact points (TFDA and AGES are hereby so designated by the Parties) to enhance information-sharing between the Parties in the dealing with food safety policy, food-borne disease or other food contamination issues that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern.
- (b) A bilateral meeting will be held to develop and review the joint cooperation program annually.

5. VALIDITY

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon the date of the later signature and remain effective until terminated by either party upon 365 days prior notice in writing to the other Party. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by written agreement between the Parties.


This Memorandum of Understanding is done in two originals in the English language.

For the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration




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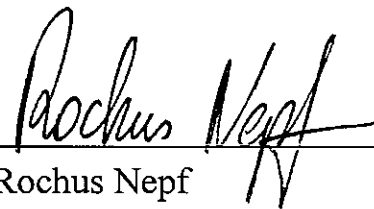
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