

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MATTERS BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE SECRETARIAT OF PRODUCTION OF THE
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

The Department of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines and the Secretariat of Production of the Argentine Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Desiring to facilitate trade in live animals and animal products between the Parties, while safeguarding human and animal health and thereby meeting consumer expectations in relation to the wholesomeness of food products;

Recognizing the significant contribution of strengthening cooperation on sanitary and phytosanitary matters in the facilitation of trade in agricultural products between both countries;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISION**

The Parties undertake to ensure competent actions and effective measures to prevent the entry, establishment and spread of pests and diseases of animals and plants, in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and agricultural policies of their respective countries, in accordance with international rules (WTO, IPPC, OIE, and CODEX).

**ARTICLE 2
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The Parties shall promote technical cooperation on sanitary and phytosanitary matters, which may include, inter alia, the following:

1. Exchange of technical information on sanitary and phytosanitary matters including protection and quarantine legislation, regulations and rules,
2. Exchange of information on quarantine pests and plant and animal diseases in the territory of the Parties, including emerging pests and diseases, weed seed, and disease agents and/or vectors of such disease agents;
3. Exchange of important epidemiological information in relation to human disease associated with the consumption of food;
4. Exchange of information on research in the field of plant and plant animal health, protection, quarantine and food safety;
5. Joint training of scientists and specialists in plant and animal health on quarantine methods and procedures, including risk assessment