

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN
AGRICULTURE AND RELATED FIELDS AND PROMOTION OF
AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, AGRICULTURE AND FISHING OF THE
ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY**

The Republic of the Philippines, represented herein by the Department of Agriculture, and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, represented herein by the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fishing, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties";

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in agriculture and related fields and in the promotion of both countries' agricultural products;

Hereby agree to pursue cooperative programs and exchange in the field of agricultural science and technology and promotion of agricultural products through this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"), to be implemented as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote technical, economic and trade cooperation in the field of agriculture consistent with laws and relevant regulations of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 2

Joint activities shall be undertaken by the Contracting Parties to accomplish the following:

1. To promote development of agricultural science and technological cooperation, programs and exchanges in conformity with the laws and agricultural policies of both countries. Cooperation will be in the broad areas of livestock and dairy production, animal health, fruit and vegetable production, food processing, marketing distribution and storage, and other additional fields as agreed.
2. To promote international agricultural trade. The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to create favorable conditions for import and export, consistent with international quarantine rules and procedures, without affecting in anyway the Contracting Parties' commitments under existing bilateral and multilateral agreements.

ARTICLE 3

Cooperation will be effected through, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information; the exchange of scientists, experts and trainees; the joint study of preferential tariffs; the joint publication of studies and papers; the provision of scholarship programs; the organization of trainings, symposia and conferences; the conduct of strategic market facilitation activities, including agricultural trade fairs and special exhibitions; joint ventures, and other means as may be agreed upon.

A Joint Working Group shall be formed to determine the joint activities and to provide guidance, review the progress of activities and facilitate cooperation. The Joint Working Group shall meet once every two years in alternately in the Philippines and Uruguay.

Each Contracting Party shall designate an Executive Secretary who shall be a permanent member of the Joint Working Group.

1. The Executive Secretaries shall meet annually to develop a work program and coordinate administrative and technical details. The Executive Secretaries shall likewise correspond regularly to monitor implementation of activities carried out under the auspices of this Memorandum.

2. The Joint Working Group shall be composed of the following:

Philippine Side:

Co-Chairman

- Undersecretary for Policy and Planning Department of Agriculture (DA)

Members

- DA Bureau Directors and Heads of Attached Agencies on an on-call basis Bureau of Agricultural Research Department of Trade and Industry Representative

Executive Secretary

- International Relations Division, DA

Oriental Republic of Uruguay Side:

Co-Chairman

- Subsecretario del Ministerio de Ganaderia, Agricultura y Pesca

Members

- Directores de Unidades Ejecutoras y Proyectos del Ministerio Ganaderia, Agricultura y Pesca Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas Representantes de Instituciones Nacionales Vinculadas al Ministerio de Ganaderia, Agricultura y Pesca

Executive Secretary

- Unidad de Proyectos y Cooperacion Tecnica del Ministerio de