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and
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF UGANDA**

**N CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SANITARY AND
PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Uganda (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

TAKING into consideration that it is in the interest of both Parties to maintain and strengthen their relations in the field of sanitary and Phytosanitary matters;

RECOGNISING the existence of international multilateral agreements and conventions in the fields of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (hereinafter referred to as “SPS”) and natural resources;

DESIRING to further develop collaboration in the field of plant and animal health, fisheries and natural resources with a special view to prevention and spread of animal, fish and plant diseases and pests as well as weeds;

CONSCIOUS that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could further the process of institutional co-operation between entities of the public sectors that embrace and foster the SPS sectors;

RECOGNISING the mutual benefits arising from this Memorandum of Understanding;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “this MoU”) is to co-ordinate and promote special bilateral co-operation plans with the aim of strengthening and consolidating bilateral relations in the SPS field in order to –

- (a) prevent the introduction into their countries of –
 - (i) foreign plant diseases, pests and weeds;
 - (ii) disease agents of animal and fish diseases; and
 - (iii) products of animal and fish origin which are harmful to human health.
- (b) collaborate in the field of export and import and transit of plants, live animals, fish, their products and other materials which might be capable of transmitting diseases and pests;
- (c) promote collaboration in –
 - (i) disease and pest diagnostics for animals, plants and fish institutions;
 - (ii) relevant plant health, veterinary and fisheries legislation, and
- (d) exchange technical and scientific information and expertise.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; specifically the Directorates responsible for Animal Health, Plant Health, Fish Health and Veterinary Quarantine and Public Health; and

- (b) in the case of the Republic of Uganda, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

ARTICLE 3

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The Competent Authorities shall facilitate the necessary support and facilities to implement SPS measures taking into consideration the potential of both countries benefiting from such co-operation.

ARTICLE 4

SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The objective of this MoU is, without prejudicing other fields of co-operation that may be considered in the future, to establish joint co-operation and developmental programmes in the fields of –

- (a) animal health;
- (b) plant health;
- (c) plant protection;
- (d) fish health;
- (e) veterinary public health and animal product safety;
- (f) collaboration in the SPS field;
- (g) professional training;
- (f) increased bilateral trade;
- (g) expanding and strengthening capacity building on animal and plant health (SPS) matters;
- (h) strengthening co-operation on multilateral issues.