Protocol Decision

on Cooperation in the Fields of Veterinary, Plant Protection and Quarantine

Expressing the desire to develop cooperation in the field of veterinary, quarantine and plant protection,

Seeking to prevent the import and spread of quarantine objects,

Aware of the need to improve the system of population protection from the spread of infectious animal diseases, pest control and crop disease prevention,

Striving to eliminate obstacles in trade of products that are subject to veterinary and quarantine phytosanitary control (supervision),

Republic of Moldova and Pridnestrovie (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) have agreed as follows:

**I. In the field of veterinary medicine**

1. The Parties shall inform each other in a timely manner in order to prevent importation and spread of infectious animal diseases, regularly inform on the situation regarding infectious animal diseases, mass diseases of unknown etiology and previously unreported diseases, as well as on other issues related to the epizootic situation.

2. The Parties shall closely cooperate in order to assess the degree of implementation of existing veterinary norms and standards at pertinent enterprises from Pridnestrovie engaged in animal breeding, stocking, storage, processing and export/import of products (goods) of animal origin subject to veterinary control.

3. The Parties shall ensure compliance with the current regulatory framework and the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, as well as other standards established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

4. The Parties shall cooperate during animals and wildlife vaccination activities, and exchange information on measures already implemented in this regard.

5. The Parties shall prepare and exchange lists of goods subject to veterinary control, as well as import requirements for animals, raw materials, livestock products and animal feed, and shall inform each other of all amendments and additions to respective documents.

6. The Parties shall provide for review technical documents in the field of veterinary medicine, plans and instructions on the elimination of especially dangerous animal diseases.

7. The Parties shall exchange information on research and applied methods of animal disease diagnostics carried out in veterinary laboratories, as well as on the equipment, vaccines and serum supplies.

8. The National Agency for Food Safety of the Republic of Moldova shall provide a list of veterinary drugs that are prohibited for use in the keeping and treatment of livestock animals.

9. In order to promote animal health, the Parties undertake to:

- use a single list of approved veterinary drugs;

- refrain from using genetically modified organisms in feeding livestock.

10. The Parties shall arrange joint round tables, workshops to share experiences and provide training in the application of international standards on veterinary measures and advanced technologies in the field of animal health.

11. The Parties shall designate focal points responsible for operational cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine.

**II. In the field of plant quarantine and protection**

1. The Parties shall regularly inform each other on the emergence and spread of quarantine pests on their territories.

2. The Parties shall closely cooperate in order to assess the degree of implementation of existing norms and standards in the field of quarantine and plant protection at pertinent enterprises from Pridnestrovie engaged in production, harvesting, storage, processing and export/import of products (goods) of plant origin subject to phytosanitary control.

3. The Parties shall in a timely manner initiate measures to control quarantine and harmful organisms for the purpose of their containment and elimination, and shall inform each other of measures taken in this regard.

4. With regard to the production of plant agricultural products, the Parties undertake:

- to use a single register of plant varieties and hybrids;

- to use a single register of phytosanitary means;

- not to use genetically modified organisms.

5. The Parties shall:

- exchange normative and technical requirements in the field of plant quarantine and protection, regulations, operating procedures, manuals, special and methodical literature, statistics and other materials related to plant quarantine and protection;

- exchange information on laboratory research methods in the field of plant health;

- exchange biological control agents and quarantine object collections for scientific and diagnostic purposes, as well as the results of quarantine object pheromone tests;

- provide mutual scientific support in the field of plant quarantine.

6. The Parties shall arrange joint round tables, workshops to share experiences and provide training in the application of international standards on phytosanitary measures and advanced technologies in the field of plant protection.

7. The Parties shall designate focal points responsible for operational cooperation in the field of plant quarantine and protection.

For the Republic of Moldova

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For Pridnestrovie

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