

## Cooperation Agreement

between

The International Feed Industry Federation , federation of national and regional feed associations, feed related organizations, and corporate members, with its headquarters located at Freier Weg 6, D-53177 Bonn, Germany, and represented by its Executive Director, Mrs. Alexandra de Athayde,

(hereinafter referred to as IFIF)

and

The World Organisation for Animal Health, an intergovernmental organization, created by the International Agreement for the creation of the Office International des Epizooties, done in Paris, 25 January 1924, with its headquarters located at 12 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, represented by its Director General Dr Bernard Vallat,

(hereinafter referred to as OIE)

### Preamble

Considering that IFIF is a non-profit global organisation that provides a unified leadership and coordinating role to promote the feed industry in order to contribute to the sustainable supply of safe, healthy feed and therefore food, representing over 80% of the global animal feed production, and comprising the whole feed chain including national and regional feed associations from North and South America, Asia, Europe and Africa, feed related organizations, and corporate members.

Considering that the OIE is an intergovernmental organisation, with 178 Member Countries, whose aim is to improve animal health and welfare worldwide and whose role in the development of reference standards on animal diseases, including zoonoses, is recognised under the World Trade Organisation Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures;

Given that it is in the interests of the Parties to collaborate;

Believing that a partnership between IFIF and the OIE can considerably improve cooperation and technical assistance in the Parties' respective fields of interest;

The IFIF and the OIE, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have decided to conclude the following Cooperation Agreement:

### Article 1: Objectives and Scope of the cooperation

The aim of this Agreement is to facilitate and strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the Parties in all their fields of interest, where their respective mandates and activities may be of mutual interest, including but not limited to recommendations on:

- the prevention and management of infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases;
- support for the development, revision and implementation of OIE standards and guidelines;
- strengthening linkages between feed safety and food safety;
- contributing to improved animal health and productivity, with an associated contribution to public health;
- issues relevant to international trade in feed, and any other issues relevant to animal health and welfare.

## **Article 2: Reciprocal Information**

2.1. The Parties undertake to keep each other informed of activities undertaken in the fields of mutual interest, in particular where there is the potential to undertake joint activities in the interest of Member countries (OIE, IFIF) and institutes (IFIF).

2.2. The Parties will exchange their catalogue of publications and upon agreement, will exchange, free of charge, a limited number (normally 1---5) of copies of documents and publications on subjects of mutual interest. Where appropriate, the Parties will benefit from the concessionary rates applied to their Members or affiliated organisations for further orders of publications.

2.3. The Parties undertake to meet at least annually to review and take action on activities of potential mutual interest.

## **Article 3: Consultation**

3.1. Each Party will invite the other Party to participate in meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available to the other Party. Such participation shall be subject to the respective organizations' rules for observer/liaison participation.

3.2. The two Parties will endeavour to extend their cooperation through formal or informal consultations on issues of common interest and will periodically assess the outcomes of this cooperation.

## **Article 4: Areas of cooperation**

The Parties may decide to cooperate in the following areas:

- Promotion of the use of international standards and guidelines, according to the mandates of the Parties;
- Training and awareness-raising in Member countries, in particular developing countries;
- Development of joint publications in fields of mutual interest. Procedures for the development, publication and dissemination of such jointly developed works shall be mutually agreed by the Parties.

## **Article 5: Duration and Validity**

5.1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature by both Parties and shall remain valid until termination.

5.2. Each Party may propose termination of this Agreement by giving the other Party three months' written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

## **Article 6: Amendments**

Either Party may propose amendments to this Agreement by making a written notification. Agreement shall be reached through an exchange of letters.

### **Article 7: Dispute Resolution**

The parties hereto shall endeavor to resolve any dispute arising by mutual negotiations before resorting to any civil litigation.

In witness whereof, the Parties have signed this Agreement.

Signed in two original texts in English language, one to be held by IFIF and the other by the OIE.

For the International Feed Industry Federation

For the World Organisation for Animal Health

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