

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH
AND
HEALTHFORANIMALS

WHEREAS, the World Organisation for Animal Health (hereinafter referred to as the "OIE") is an intergovernmental organisation recognised by the World Trade Organization as a reference organisation for international standards concerning the sanitary safety of international trade of animals and products of animal origin and zoonoses, and is in charge of improving animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare worldwide, as well as transparency of the global animal disease situation;

WHEREAS, HealthforAnimals is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation representing companies and industry associations from both developed and developing countries to advance animal health and animal health products. HealthforAnimals brings together member countries committed to supporting food security, sustainable economic growth, raising living standards through healthy animals and safe food, maintaining financial stability and contributing to growth in world trade (hereinafter referred to as "HealthforAnimals");

WHEREAS, both the OIE and HealthforAnimals (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party") have accumulated a breadth of experience in policy development and implementation in various contexts, and have developed significant know-how, practices, standards and guidelines within their own areas of expertise;

WHEREAS, the OIE has extensive experience in animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare, is able to combine intellectual and technical support, and to engage in capacity building and technical assistance on those topics;

WHEREAS, the animal health industry provides value to society by protecting animals and as a consequence, humans, from diseases, and helps keep pets and food-producing animals healthy through its products;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the specific methods and character of the activities of each of the Parties as determined by their statutory objective, their mandates and the provisions of the relevant international instruments;

RECOGNIZING the need to develop and strengthen their cooperation in order to benefit from complementarities while avoiding unnecessary duplication and overlapping; and

CONSIDERING THAT, the Parties wish to formalise a basis on which they will explore the opportunities for cooperation and collaboration on matters of common interest, and to render their respective activities more effective.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding which shall supersede the Agreement between the OIE and the International Federation for Animal Health adopted on 7 March 2007 (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU");

ARTICLE 1
MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

1. **Mutual consultation and cooperation.** When appropriate, the OIE and HealthforAnimals shall exchange views on relevant policy issues within their respective competence and shall consult regularly with each other on matters of common interest, such as antimicrobial resistance, animal health and welfare, harmonization of legislation on veterinary drugs and biologicals including vaccines, and funding of veterinary research with a view to achieving their objectives and coordinating their positions and activities. This will include the following illustrative list of topics and activities of mutual interest:
- The regulatory framework and use of veterinary medicinal products and biologicals in the control of infectious diseases, as well as development and adoption of new technologies;
 - Veterinary research and dialogue with the human pharmaceutical industry to identify areas of common interest;
 - The development and registration of rapid diagnostic tests as an aid to the control of notifiable diseases and antimicrobial resistance and further support to OIE validation scheme;
 - The development and registration of new veterinary medicines and biologicals for disease prevention and control by applying OIE Standards and VICH Guidelines to advance such goals;
 - Exchange of views on the approach by intergovernmental organisations such as WHO, FAO, and WTO on disease control strategies;
 - The responsible and prudent use of antimicrobials and anthelmintics with the aim of tackling resistance and maintaining efficacy;
 - Animal health and welfare as it pertains to livestock production, updates on latest scientific findings in the field of animal health and well-being, and access to experts from HealthforAnimals members as requested;
 - Joint information and activities regarding data on the use of antimicrobial agents in animals, including substandard, low quality and counterfeit products.
 - International and regional meetings and training workshops covering aspects of legislation, registration procedures, quality standards and use of veterinary medicines;
 - HealthforAnimals to serve as a facilitator for communication of the OIE international standards and initiatives to be distributed via regional and national veterinary medicines industry associations.
- Other areas of cooperation or activities may be identified and jointly agreed upon by the Parties during the implementation of this MoU.
2. **Exchange of information and documents.** Subject to their respective internal regulations regarding the safeguarding of confidential information, the OIE and HealthforAnimals will, as necessary and appropriate, exchange information and documents concerning matters of common interest. Such information shall be used by the Parties solely for the purposes of their collaboration. The Parties will also exchange their catalogue of publications to enable each Party to request items relating to its activities published by the other Party. Where appropriate, the Parties will exchange free copies of documents and publications on topics of common or individual interest. The Parties will benefit from the concessionary rates applied to their members or affiliated organisations for orders of publications.

3. **Technical cooperation.** The OIE and HealthforAnimals shall, in the interest of their respective activities, seek each other's expertise and observations to optimise the effects of such activities. Should the activities of the OIE and of HealthforAnimals in fields of common interest so dictate, either Party may request the cooperation of the other whenever the latter Party is in a position to help develop the former's activities. The OIE and HealthforAnimals shall endeavor, insofar as possible and in compliance with their constituent instruments and the decisions of their competent bodies, to respond favorably to such requests for cooperation in accordance with procedures and arrangements to be mutually agreed upon.

4. **Reciprocal representation.** The Parties will extend to each other invitations for participation in all meetings, seminars and conferences during which matters of common interest are to be discussed and where observers are allowed.

ARTICLE 2

IMPLEMENTATION

The OIE and HealthforAnimals may, if necessary, enter into additional arrangements for the implementation of this MoU.

ARTICLE 3

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS

1. Nothing in this MoU shall give rise to financial obligations upon either Party.
2. To the extent any activity may give rise to financial obligations, a separate agreement shall be concluded subject to the Parties' respective internal rules and policies, prior to such activity being undertaken.
3. The Parties will mutually agree on preparation and issuance of any publications pertaining to joint activities arising from this MoU. If a Party (the "Publishing Party") prepares and issues publications on its own which refers to joint activities involving both Parties, the other Party shall be given the opportunity to comment on the content before the publication is issued and the Parties will agree on any further amendment to the text. The copyright to the publication shall remain with the Publishing Party. The copyright of any contribution made to the publication by the other Party (the "Contributing Party") will be retained by the Contributing Party who hereby grants to the Publishing Party a worldwide, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free license to use such copyright for purposes of publication.
4. The collaboration of the Parties shall be duly acknowledged in any publication resulting from this MoU, unless a Party notifies that it does not wish to be associated with the publication. The wording of the acknowledgement shall be agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

USE OF THE PARTIES' NAMES AND EMBLEMS

Except as provided in this MoU and/or any subsequent agreement, neither Party shall use the other Party's name, acronym and/or emblem, without the prior written consent of that other Party.

ARTICLE 5

LIABILITY

Each Party shall be solely responsible for the manner in which it carries out its part of the collaborative activities under this MoU and/or any subsequent agreement. Thus, neither Party shall be responsible for any loss, accident, damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party, or that other Party's employees, consultants or sub-contractors, in connection with, or as a result of, the collaborative activities under this MoU and/or any subsequent agreement, unless such loss, accident, damage or injury suffered by one Party results from gross negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This MoU will enter into force upon signature by the Director General of the OIE and the President of HealthforAnimals.
2. The senior management of the OIE and HealthforAnimals shall endeavor to meet regularly to keep track of progress made in activities jointly agreed to.
3. This MoU shall have an initial four-year term which may be renewed in writing by mutual consent of the Parties. Each Party may suggest revisions to this MoU prior to each renewal date or at any other appropriate time in order to update the content of this MoU.
4. Either Party may also terminate this MoU by giving six months' notice to the other Party.
5. Termination will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities which have been decided by the Parties prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
6. This MoU may be amended by mutual consent expressed in writing.
7. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the President of HealthforAnimals have signed the present MoU in duplicate, in English, on 1 September 2017.



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Director General
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