

# COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

The World Renderers Organization (WRO)

an international association with its headquarters located at 500 Montgomery Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, United States of America, represented by its President Mr. David Kaluzny II,

AND

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

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,

## Preamble

Considering that the WRO was established in 1999 to address issues of mutual interest to its members that are more important to the good of the by-products processors (renderers) than to individual countries, associations or companies,

Considering that the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation (FPRF), founded in 1962, acts as the research arm of the WRO,

Considering that the OIE is recognised as a the reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) for international animal health standards,

Considering that the OIE works on safeguarding world trade by publishing health sanitary standards for international trade in animals and animal products for Member Countries to protect themselves from the introduction of diseases and pathogens and avoid their spread worldwide,

The OIE and the WRO (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed to the following:

### 1. Objectives and scope of the cooperation

1.1 The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Renderers Organization (WRO) will keep the other party informed of activities that may be of mutual interest.

1.2 Each Organisation will invite the other to participate as an observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

1.3 The OIE and WRO will exchange their catalogue of publications to enable both organizations to request publications on activities related to their work. The OIE and WRO will exchange free copies of documents and publications on subjects of mutual interest. Both organizations will benefit from the concessionary rates applied to their affiliated members or organizations for further orders of publications.

1.4. The two Organisations will endeavor to cooperate further through both formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest, in particular the issues listed below:

- i. The development and revision of international standards on animal health, including zoonoses, relevant to the international trade of rendered products,
- ii. The exchange of views on the approach by intergovernmental organisations such as WHO, FAO and Codex Alimentarius Commission, to animal diseases surveillance and control strategies which may impact on the production and trade of rendered products,
- iii. The exchange of views and participation at meetings on relevant aspects of animal health and food and feed safety,
- iv. The exchange of information on the activities that may be of interest for the Parties,
- v. The arrangement, with due respect to the procedures of both parties, for experts of each organization to participate in meetings of commissions and working groups of interest to the other organization when relevant items on the agenda of the meetings are addressed.

## **2. Term and Termination**

This Agreement shall be effective as of its signature by both parties (the “Effective Date”) without any set duration, other than through termination in virtue of below paragraph.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at a jointly agreed time or by giving the other party three months advance written notice of termination.

## **3. Amendment**

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.

## **4. Non-enforceability clause**

This Agreement is a non-binding statement of the Parties’ mutual understanding of their proposed collaboration framework. The Agreement is not intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations in respect of either Party, including any obligation on their part to enter into any Supplemental Agreement.

**In witness whereof**, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have executed this Agreement in the English language in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Date : 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2013

Mr. David Kaluzny II

Dr. Bernard Vallat

President  
WRO

Director General  
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