

**TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND VETERINARY MEDICINES
AND
THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR HYGIENE, FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION
OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE FOOD AND VETERINARY AGENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Directorate General of Animal Health and Veterinary Medicines and the Directorate General for hygiene, food safety and nutrition of the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Food and Veterinary Agency of the Republic of Macedonia, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

wishing to lay the basis for scientific cooperation and technical and administrative support in the field of food safety and veterinary public health;

motivated to contribute to keep infectious diseases of animals, zoonoses and food born outbreaks under control in their respective Countries;

have entered into the following Technical Arrangement:

Article 1

In order to increase, in their respective Countries, the level of protection of animal health, the Parties will strengthen scientific and administrative cooperation in the veterinary public health field, to facilitate:

- a) the cooperation between veterinary services and the relevant institutions of the respective Countries;
- b) the exchange of administrative staff, students, experts and scientists in order to share the knowledge of scientific and technical achievements;
- c) the exchange of information related to aspects of protection of animal health veterinary public health and food safety;
- d) the cooperation of scientific institutions to perform studies and researches for strengthening the control systems on animal diseases and food safety and for the cooperation between analytical and diagnostic laboratories;
- e) the organization of training courses also through the use of web-based technology and mutual participation of experts in symposia and seminars organized by the Parties;
- f) the implementation of research projects of mutual interest concerning animal diseases control, and alimentary intoxications as well as actions for their surveillance;
- g) the development of initiatives and cooperation projects, where appropriate, also with the involvement of the private sector, veterinary chambers and chambers of commerce of the respective Countries.

Article 2

The Parties will reciprocally exchange information on outbreaks of animal diseases included in the list of notifiable diseases for terrestrial and aquatic animals of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and on any other terrestrial and aquatic animal disease which poses a hazard to animal and human health as well as on the relevant measures adopted for monitoring and eradication of such diseases, in line with international standards applicable to them.

Article 3

In particular situations of mutual interest and on the request of a Party, the Parties may exchange information and data on food borne outbreaks (alimentary intoxications) and zoonosis as well as notifications of incidents in human and animal cases, which are available from veterinary and food safety services.

Article 4

With a view to implement this Technical Arrangement, the Parties will inform each other in writing.

Article 5

Any divergence in the interpretation or application of this Technical Arrangement will be settled amicably through direct negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 6

All activities arising from the implementation of this Technical Arrangement will be borne by the Parties in conformity with the respective national legislation and without any additional costs for the respective ordinary State budgets.

Article 7

This Technical Arrangement will be implemented by the Parties under their exclusive competence, in accordance with applicable international law and their respective national legislations including, as for the Italian Party, the obligations ensuing from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Article 8

This Technical Arrangement takes effect on the date of signature and will remain effective for five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for the following five (5) years, unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing, at least six (6) months in advance, its intention to terminate it.

Done at Rome, on 18 December 2018, in three (3) originals, each one in the Italian, Macedonian, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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