

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND DRUG SAFETY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
ON ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Sides” and individually as a “Side”), desiring to enhance mutual cooperation on electronic certification, have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1. Objective

The Sides will facilitate cooperation through the exchange of information on electronic certification for livestock products and food products that are imported and exported between the Republic of Korea and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Paragraph 2. Areas of Cooperation

1. The Sides will promote technical cooperation between the experts of both countries in the exchange of information on electronic certification, including, but not limited to, onsite inspections, system interoperability enhancement, pilot programs and information security.

2. The Sides will establish a paperless certification system through a pilot program operated by the Sides. The dates and timeframes for its development and implementation will be jointly decided upon by the Sides.
3. The initial pilot program will include meat products exported from the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Republic of Korea.
4. The Sides will make efforts to expand the range of traded products covered by electronic certification.
5. The Sides will promote the active use of electronic certification in the trade of livestock products and food products between both countries.
6. The Sides will exchange information on issues of mutual interest related to electronic certification, including, but not limited to, technological innovations such as login credentials, digital certificates and blockchain technology for information security.
7. The Sides will work cooperatively on electronic certification matters in relevant multilateral and international forums.

Paragraph 3. General Provisions

1. This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations for the Sides under national or international law.

2. This MOU will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Sides.

3. The Sides will bear their own costs for the implementation of this MOU, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Sides.

Paragraph 4. Resolution of Differences

Any differences arising from the interpretation, application and/or implementation of this MOU will be resolved in a consensual manner between the Sides.

Paragraph 5. Points of Contact

The Sides hereby establish the following direct points of contact for discussing administrative procedures, information exchange, and other matters under this MOU:

- a. for the Korean Side: the Imported Food Inspection Management Division of the Imported Food Safety Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety;
- b. for the Brazilian Side: the Secretariat of Animal and Plant Health of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

Paragraph 6. Entry into Effect, Amendment and Termination

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Sides and may be amended by mutual written consent of the Sides.
2. Either Side may terminate this MOU by prior written notice to the other Side. In such case, this MOU will cease to have effect three (3) months after the date of notification.

SIGNED in duplicate on 3 April 2023, in the Korean, Portuguese and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In the case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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