

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry for Rural Affairs of Sweden on Agricultural Cooperation

Considering the long-term and friendly cooperative relations between China and Sweden, and for the purpose of further promoting agricultural cooperation between the two countries, the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry for Rural Affairs of Sweden (referred to hereinafter as the two Parties), have agreed the following upon friendly consultation:

Article 1 Areas of Cooperation

The two Parties will cooperate in the following agricultural areas:

1. **Agri-product quality & safety management.** The two Parties will establish a regular expert contacting mechanism for exchanging experience and measures concerning agri-product quality & safety management and tracing, inspection and testing techniques, risk assessment and standardized production, to promote agri-product trade between the two countries.
2. **Animal husbandry cooperation.** The two Parties will exchange scientific information on key technologies of pig farming, enhance cooperation in forage grass, feed, veterinary drugs, and particularly in the regard to selective breeding of improved animal breeds, operating modes of animal husbandry business, as well as research and development on new veterinary drugs and feeds.
3. **Veterinary cooperation.** The two Parties will enhance information exchange of laws and regulations, standards and management system in the field of veterinary promote the sound development of animal health and animal welfare of the two Parties; strengthen communication and cooperation on veterinary technical know-how, and, facilitate cooperation in the regard to animal health and welfare management system and major animal disease control through exchange of visits; exchange experience and enhance cooperation in the use of antibiotics in animal production and how to cope with the development of antibiotic resistance; intensify coordination and mutual support within OIE and other international organizations within the veterinary field, and enhance consultation on major issues, in order to safeguard the common interests of the two Parties.
4. **Cooperation on agricultural and rural environment protection.** The two Parties will conduct exchange activities and cooperation on non-point pollution control in agriculture in major river basins, environmental protection in agricultural, agricultural wastes turning into useful resources, environmental friendly farming techniques application and demonstration, as well as agricultural environment surveillance and early warning of risks.
5. **Cooperation on trade related issues.** The two Parties put great importance in removing trade barriers between the countries and will enhance the exchange of

information regarding laws, regulations and standards relevant for trade in food and agricultural products, such as labeling and technical requirements.

6. Cooperation in agri-product processing and processing equipment. The two Parties will facilitate cooperation in dairy and meat product processing; strengthen technical exchange and cooperation between research institutes and manufacturers of processing equipment.

7. Organic agriculture cooperation. The two Parties will learn from each other technologies and experiences in organic agriculture production and marketing system. The two Parties will jointly establish pilot projects in China in areas with favorable conditions, to introduce Swedish organic agriculture mode and develop organic food production.

8. Dairy cooperation. The two Parties will enhance cooperation in developing dairy standard and control systems and technologies of improving raw milk quality, and encourage large dairy businesses to participate in bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and technologies, trade and production; conduct joint researches on key technologies of dairy cattle farming and breeding, and production machinery, etc; organize technical exchanges for raw and fresh milk quality and safety testing, and implement dairy farming training programs, etc.

9. Crop germplasm cooperation. The two Parties will stimulate the facilitation of exchange of hardy crop germplasm and their information and encourage enhanced collaboration concerning the research and development of hardy crop breeding.

10. Oats cooperation. The two Parties will enhance the cooperation of the entire chain from breeding and cultivation to product development and market promotion of oats, and encourage business to participate in bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and technologies, trade and production; conduct joint researches on key technologies of oats; organize technical activities, etc.

Article 2 Forms of Cooperation

The two Parties will conduct cooperation in the following forms:

1. Establish a working group mechanism that may include representatives from government, academia and industry, and formulate detailed plan for practical cooperation;
2. Jointly convene agricultural policy forums and technical symposiums, exchange relevant experience and research findings, and extend the best practices;
3. Exchange visits of central government officials and experts of the two countries;
4. Organize relevant activities to assist enterprises to get information on investment and trade, and facilitate bilateral trade;

Other cooperation forms can be defined upon mutual consensus in writing by the two Parties.

Article 3 Cost Sharing

Unless having agreed otherwise, each Party will bear its own expenses, such as personnel, travel etc., for cooperative activities conducted under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, and should inform the receiving Party of any visiting delegation at least one month before arrival.

The host Party for meetings and other activities will be responsible for all the expenses for meeting organization and other official activities, including providing meeting venues and other facilities to ensure the success of the meeting. Meetings and other activities will be conducted in English, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise, and if any Party needs interpretation to Chinese or Swedish the expenses for this will be taken by that Party.

Article 4 Entry into force, Amendments and Termination

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of signature and remain valid for a period of five years. This Memorandum shall be automatically prolonged if neither Party notifies the other in writing of its intent to terminate the Memorandum six months in advance.

This Memorandum may be revised or amended upon the consensus of both Parties in writing.

This Memorandum shall expire by either Party notifying the other in writing of its intent to terminate the Memorandum six months in advance.

Done in duplicate in Stockholm of Sweden on August 31, 2012, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.


For the Ministry for Rural Affairs
The Kingdom of Sweden

For the Ministry of Agriculture

The People's Republic of China

