

**THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

## PREAMBLE

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

and

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

(hereinafter referred as "the Contracting Parties"),

wishing to create conditions favourable to the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in the fields of agriculture and food processing industry on the basis of the principle of equality and mutual respect,

HAVE COME TO THE AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS :

## ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties have undertaken, within their respective powers and in accordance with valid legislation of their respective countries, to assist with the development of cooperation in the fields of economy, processing, and science and technology and to promote the establishing of direct relations between entrepreneurial entities.

## ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the fields as follows:

- 2.1 Support to programmes of science and technology cooperation between the engaged research institutes and other organizations;
- 2.2 Exchange of experience and information on the management of science and research infrastructure in the field of agriculture;
- 2.3 Development of consultancy services for agriculture and food processing industry;
- 2.4 Support to direct contacts between organizations of veterinary and phytosanitary services;
- 2.5 Support to cooperation in the field of genetics of livestock;
- 2.6 Experience in the field of stable technology;
- 2.7 Exchange of information on breeding systems, including offers of expert services for the required area of plant production and offers of necessary processing technology;
- 2.8 Support to mutual cooperation between breeding workplaces;
- 2.9 Exchange of scientists, experts, and scholars.

The Agreement may be expanded by adding other forms of cooperation upon an agreement of both the Contracting Parties in writing.

### ARTICLE 3

Either of the Contracting Parties shall not disclose economic, processing, and science and technology information obtained from the other Contracting Party. The use of results of the economic, processing, and science and technology cooperation shall be carried out upon a mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties.

### ARTICLE 4

The mutual exchange of science workers, experts, and scholars, and study stays and visits shall be performed under the conditions agreed upon by both the Contracting Parties or by the respective negotiating partners.

### ARTICLE 5

- 5.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its signature.
- 5.2 This Agreement shall be effective for indefinite period. Either of the Contracting Parties intending to withdraw from the Agreement must notify the other Party in writing within 3 (three) months period of notice.

### ARTICLE 6

This Agreement shall not prejudice any rights and obligations following to either of the Contracting Parties from their respective participation in any other international agreements and treaties and in international organizations.

Done in Prague on December 8, 2005 in two originals, in the Czech, Chinese and English languages, while all the versions have the same validity. In the case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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