

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
ON CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Aiming to promote cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development taking into account the existing potential of the Contracting Parties;

Expressing the intention to enhance cooperation between the Contracting Parties,

Desiring to create favorable conditions for the development of economic, technological and cooperation in the field of agriculture, and rural development and fisheries;

Have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties within the limit of their competences and according to the national legislations shall promote cooperation between organizations and business entities from the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Estonia which operate in the field of agriculture.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties will support and develop cooperation on the following issues:

plant growing;
animal husbandry;
mechanization of agricultural works;
technology in agriculture;
scientific and research activity in the field of agriculture;
phytosanitary and veterinary control;
fisheries and aqua culture.

ARTICLE 3

The cooperation between the Contracting Parties will be conducted within their jurisdiction and in accordance with national legislations in the following forms:

exchange of information and technical documentation;
introduction of new technologies in the plant growing, and animal husbandry and fisheries;
support for establishment of mutual interest joint ventures;
organisation of fairs, exhibitions, seminars, conferences and symposia.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties may prepare cooperation plans and conduct bilateral meetings in order to review cooperation process under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding. The plans will enter into force after they are endorsed by the Contracting Parties.

The Parties will establish a work group that will include representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture, science and associations of producers. The work group will meet once a year in turn in the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Estonia in order to give a regular overview of the cooperation and set the priorities for the future.

ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not prejudice any rights and responsibilities of the Contracting Parties arising from other bilateral and multilateral international agreements concluded by the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Estonia.

ARTICLE 6

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain into force for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of its entry and shall be extended automatically for successive periods of 5 (five) years, unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding 6 (six) months prior to its expiration.

ARTICLE 7

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and supplemented by mutual consent. Such amendments and supplements,

formalized by separate protocols, shall be an integral part of the Memorandum and enter into force under the Article 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in _____ on _____, in two original copies, each in Russian, Estonian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF
THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA**



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