

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ON  
COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the two Parties"), wishing to create favorable conditions to promote cooperation in the fields of agriculture between the two countries on the basis of the principle of equality, mutual benefits and mutual respect, through friendly consultations, have reached memorandum as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

The two Parties have undertaken, within their respective powers and in accordance with laws of their respective countries, to enhance bilateral cooperation in the fields of agricultural economy and trade, science and technology and etc, as well as to promote the establishment of direct links between enterprises of the two countries.

**ARTICLE II**

The two Parties shall cooperate in the following fields:

1. agricultural science and technology between respective research institutions and other organizations;
2. plant and animal genetics and breeding, exchange of breeding information and support of cooperation between breeding entities;
3. animal disease prevention and control technologies;

4. agricultural processing technologies;
5. agricultural information service, and exchange experience and information focusing on the development of agriculture, agricultural policy and agri-products' prices;
6. agricultural mechanization;
7. exchange of expertises and management professionals;
8. cooperation on agricultural trade and investment between enterprises.

The memorandum may be expanded by adding other forms of cooperation upon an agreement of the two Parties in writing.

### **ARTICLE III**

Either of the two Parties shall not disclose information on economy, processing, science and technology obtained from the other Party. The use of relevant outcomes of the cooperation shall be carried out upon mutual agreement of the two Parties.

### **ARTICLE IV**

In order to put this Memorandum into effective implementation, regular meetings shall be held between the two Parties to identify priority areas for cooperation, to formulate cooperation plans and projects and to communicate and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Cooperation projects and exchange of visits initiated by the two Parties under this Memorandum shall be performed under the conditions agreed upon by the two Parties.

### **ARTICLE V**

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

## ARTICLE VI

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

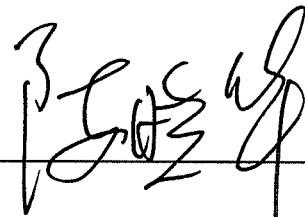
This Memorandum shall be effective for an indefinite period. Either of the two Parties intending to withdraw from the Memorandum must notify the other Party in writing within six months period of notice.

This Memorandum is done in Tallinn on 21 April 2011 in two copies, each of them in Estonian, Chinese and English, while all the texts being equally valid. In the case of any disagreement of interpretation of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.



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On behalf of the Ministry of  
Agriculture of the Republic of  
Estonia



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On behalf of the Ministry of  
Agriculture of the People's Republic  
of China