



**Agreement**  
**between**  
**the Government of the Republic of Malta**  
**and**  
**the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**  
**in the Veterinary Health Sector**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria designated as the «Parties» (and each one separately as «Party» hereunder.)

Considering importation, exportation and transit of animals;

Willing to consolidate the cooperation between the veterinary services of the two States;

To facilitate commercial exchanges of animals, animal products and fishery products in line with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) provisions;

Wishing to preserve their respective territories from possible epizootic animal diseases, parasitic animal diseases and human transmissible zoonosis.

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1:**

The competent authorities designated by the two Parties to put into practice this agreement are:

- a) For the Republic of Malta: the Director-General Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulation.
- b) For the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria: the Director of Veterinary Services.

**Article 2:**

Considering the World Organisation for Animal Health regulations, the competent authorities of the two Parties will determine sanitary conditions during exportation, importation and the transit of animals, animal products and fishery products between the two countries.

### **Article 3:**

Each Party undertakes to carry out health control checks on animals, animal products and fishery products that transit on its territory, in destination of the other Party's territory.

If the controls reveal that animals, animal products and fishery products being transported could endanger the health of people or animals, the veterinary authorities of the country of transit shall send back or order their slaughter or destruction, in accordance with the terms referred to in the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) provisions.

### **Article 4:**

The competent authorities of the Parties will exchange on a quarterly basis sanitary reports mentioning outbreaks (if any) of infectious and parasitic diseases featuring in the established list of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

They also undertake to communicate immediately by telegraphic or similar means, the eventual appearance on one of the Parties' territory of any focus of diseases included in the list of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) by giving details on the exact geographical location of the outbreak and on the sanitary measures taken in order to eradicate those diseases and control the situation.

### **Article 5:**

The Parties undertake to provide the necessary guarantees to ensure that the animal products being exported do not contain hormones, medicines, pesticides, germs or any other substance harmful to human health.

### **Article 6:**

The Parties will work to facilitate:

1. Cooperation and technical assistance between the veterinary services laboratories of the two countries;
2. The exchange of veterinary specialists in order to exchange mutual information on the sanitary conditions of animals and fishery products as well as on scientific and technical productions in these sectors;
3. Information sharing concerning sanitary aspects of elaboration, transformation and industrialization methods of products of animal and fishery products destined for export;
4. Regular exchange of legislative and regulatory texts concerning animal's health;
5. The exchange of competent specialists participating in symposium and seminars organized by the Parties.

### **Article 7:**

The competent authorities of the two Parties will consult each other through appropriate diplomatic channels on the matters related to the application of this Agreement.



**Article 8:**

The Parties undertake to suspend immediately any export of animals, animal products and fishery products in the event of the existence or appearance in one of the two countries of a disease included in the list of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and of other diseases convened and that may spread to the importing country.

**Article 9:**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or execution of this Agreement shall be settled by direct negotiations between the two Parties through the diplomatic channel.

**Article 10:**

The present Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other existing international conventions and agreements.

**Article 11:**

This Agreement will come into force on the date of ratification. It may be amended or modified by mutual consent of the Parties and by exchange of notes through appropriate diplomatic channels.

This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely, unless one of the Parties notifies the other, in writing, at least six months in advance, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done at Valletta on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in duplicate, in the Arabic, English and French languages, each of three texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence in interpretation the English version will prevail.

**For the Government of Republic of Malta**

**For the Government of the People's  
Democratic Republic of Algeria**



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