

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Today, *26 October* 2017, between:

THE RISK ASSESSMENT CENTER ON FOOD CHAIN with address: 136 Tsar Boris III Blvd., 11th floor, Registration № 176040048, represented by Dr. Yanko IVANOV - Director of the Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain, on the one hand

and

THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTER OF AGRICULTURE (SRCA) with address: 6, Marshal Gelovani Ave., Tbilisi 0159, Georgia, represented by Professor Dr. Levan UJMAJURIDZE – Director of the Scientific Research Center of Agriculture, on the other Hand

Objectives:

The Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain (RACFC), based on its obligations to carry out an independent scientific risk assessment, has the task of building and maintaining networks of experts in various fields of science related to food quality and safety, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection to actively participate in the preparation of scientific opinions, scientific opinions and risk assessments.

In order to expand their knowledge and be led by the understanding that independent risk assessment involves significant and in-depth knowledge of different areas of the agro-food chain and scientific potential, as well as responsibility for the country and its interests in making objective views, the Parties have concluded this agreement as follows:

I. SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT

Art. 1. The Parties agree to cooperate on the principles of mutual benefit and common interests in the field of science and risk assessment of food safety, human health, and animal and plant health.

Art. 2. Where it is necessary and in issues related to the food consumption and human exposure arising from the food-related risks (animal health, the use of feed, pathogenic agents causing animal diseases, zoonoses and food blasts, plant health, plant protection products and plant reproductive material; mechanical, chemical contaminants and biological hazards, veterinary medicinal products and their residues in food and feed, food contact materials, enzymes and flavorings, plant protection products and fertilizers, dietary products, nutrition and allergens, food additives, genetically modified food and feed and novel foods, the radiation risk for animals and

plants, animal by-products and derived products, biocidal products in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012¹ used in food processing establishments, with an exception for those of product type 1, 2, 9, 10 and 13), the Director of the RACFC may engage scientists and/or experts from the organization described above, which agrees to participate in working groups for cooperation, with a view of information exchange and preparation of the scientific opinions according to Art. 3 of the Law on the Risk Assessment Center on Food Chain.

Art. 3. The scientists and/or experts² of SRCA cooperate and consult experts from the RACFC on various issues of their competence.

II. MAIN ACTIVITIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT:

Art. 4. Strengthen the cooperation between the experts from the Parties in the specific areas of competence of the two Parties through sharing information, knowledge and resources.

Art. 5. Jointly offer and participate in educational events, qualification courses and programs provided by both Parties.

Art. 6. Organize educational and scientific events such as conferences, symposia, professional seminars, courses, etc.

Art. 7. Seek actively and jointly to formulate their participation in national and international projects and programs within the scope of the tasks under Art. 2 of this agreement.

Art. 8. Exchange contacts at national and international level with regard to provide mutual benefits and development.

Art. 9. Both partners agree to establish an inventory list of materials of the intellectual property (IP). This list will also establish how the ownership of new property will be determined.

Art. 10. To jointly represent their common interests in front of third parties.

III. ENTRY INTO FORCE. CONTINUANCE. SUSPENSION:

Art. 11. This agreement shall take effect when executed by the involved partners and shall be for a term of five (5) years. The agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive three (3) years terms unless terminated as provided herein. The agreement may be terminated by either partner upon no less than ninety (90) days written notice to the other partner. This agreement may be modified by written agreement of both partners at any time. Nothing within this agreement shall create any financial obligation or cause any hardship to either partner.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 on the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167/1 of 27 June 2012)

² Delete where is necessary

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

Art. 12. All amendments to the agreement should be in writing and signed by the both partners as an appendix to the agreement. Additional suggestions to this agreement give rights and obligations to the parties only if they are in writing and signed by both parties.

Art. 13. All issues, not covered in this Agreement, shall be performed in accordance with the laws and regulations appropriate to each collaboration Partner..

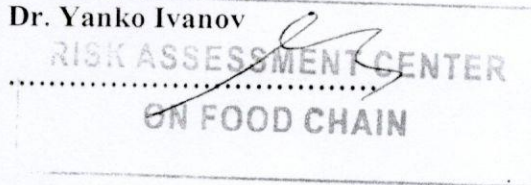
Art. 14. Disputes arising between the parties shall be settled by mutual agreement and, failing that, by a court order.

The agreement does not bind the both Parties with financial commitments.

This cooperation agreement is drawn up in two identical copies, one for each of the parties, and shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DIRECTOR of RACFC

Dr. Yanko Ivanov



DIRECTOR of SRCA

Dr. Levan Ujmajuridze

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal dotted line.