

AGREEMENT

between

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

and

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

on co-operation in the Field of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

and

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

(hereinafter only the "Contacting Parties"),

having regard to the close conditions of the development of agriculture in transition period towards market economy,

guided by the efforts to develop and strengthen co-operation between the two ministries,

desiring to create and promote direct and mutually advantageous relationships between businesses, institutions, agricultural farms, co-operatives and other entities of the Republic of Lithuania and the Czech Republic, hereinafter only the "partners"

agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The contacting parties shall co-operate in economic, manufacturing and scientific and technological area within the scope of their powers and in virtue of the legal standards of the two contacting parties states.

ARTICLE 2

The co-operation shall be mainly focused on the following:

1. Plant production: plant breeding, seed production, agricultural cultures cultivating including the use of modern technologies of highly productive plant genetic material the use of production methods of environmentally clean products and adequate plant protection means.

2. Animal production: breeding, cultivation and breeding work, use of modern technologies in the breeding of highly productive animals.
3. Land reform, land management, real property cadastre and register, new technologies in land survey.
4. Establishment and operation of efficient agricultural farms.
5. Processing and use of agricultural products, organising of the activities of private and state-owned businesses and possibilities for establishing of working contacts between partners.
6. Organisation of systems of use and maintenance of agricultural machines.
7. Support to programmes of scientific and technical co-operation between the interested research institutes and other organisations.
8. Mutual exchange of information on the process of European Integration and negotiation in agricultural sector.

ARTICLE 3

The Contacting Parties shall regularly hold mutual consultations aimed at the policy and development of agriculture and foodstuff industry, on environmental protection and on securing national needs for agricultural and foodstuff products.

ARTICLE 4

The Contacting Parties shall promote the establishment of contacts between the interested partners with the aim of carrying out mutually advantageous exchange of agricultural and foodstuff products and fulfilling common projects in the areas quoted in the article 2.

ARTICLE 5

The Contacting Parties shall, for the sake of the fulfilment of the agreement, promote:

- a) co-operation of research institutes and centres in working out common research themes, in exchange of results of scientific research and in holding of seminars, symposiums, consultations, etc.

- b) the partners interested in commercial co-operation or in the establishment of joint ventures to manufacture products of common interest,
- c) adequate services focused on the exchange of normative acts, laws, implementation decrees and statistical data.

ARTICLE 6

The exchange of seed samples, technology and other production and also of published information will be carryout on the basis of reciprocal exchange free of charge or under other conditions, agreed upon among the partners.

Mutual exchanges of scientific workers, specialists and visiting fellows shall be carried out under the conditions agreed upon between the two contacting parties or negotiating partners.

In case of need for financing of further programmes and projects of economic and scientific and technological co-operation, financing shall be carried out within the budget possibilities of the contacting parties.

ARTICLE 7

The co-ordination of specific activities that are the subject of co-operation, shall be ensured by the empowered representatives of the contacting parties who will monitor and co-ordinate the progress and fulfilment of the joint agreed upon projects in keeping with the present agreement.

ARTICLE 8

The Contacting Parties pledge not to disclose economic, industrial and scientific and technical information they got from the other party.

The use of the outcome of economic and scientific and technical co-operation will be carried out following mutual agreement of the contacting parties.

ARTICLE 9

The agreement allows for other directions and forms of co-operation on which the contacting parties will agree within the framework of powers of the two contacting parties.

ARTICLE 10

The agreement takes effect on the day of its signature.
The present agreement has been concluded for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically extended for further five (5) years unless one of the contacting parties denounces it six month before its expiration.

Done in *Vilnius* on *March 31, 2000* in two originals each made in the English language, both being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Agriculture
of the Republic of Lithuania

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