
Letter of Implementation
between
The Lithuanian Ministry of Agriculture
and
The United States Department of Agriculture
Foreign Agricultural Service
on
Scientific and Agribusiness Programs

The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of Lithuania and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), recognizing the need for the transfer of technology and science that will be of mutual benefit to persons engaged in agriculture in both countries hereby agree to the following Letter of Implementation. This Letter of Implementation details areas of cooperation under the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania, signed on July 8, 1998.

I. Areas of Cooperation

Areas of scientific cooperation and technical assistance include, but are not limited to, information outreach, rural development, biotechnology, meat and dairy production and agribusiness development. All activities are subject to funding and available resources.

Current Programs

1. **The Cochran Fellowship Program.** This program offers short term technical training in the United States to middle and high level specialists.
2. **The Agribusiness Linkage Program (AgLink).** This program promotes U.S. - Lithuanian joint agribusiness linkages by providing travel and short-term training assistance to qualified companies.

New Programs

1. **Information Outreach Systems.** Seminars and technical assistance to help the Lithuanian MOA develop a system that provides information on agricultural inputs, their appropriate use and availability. This system could also provide guidance on regulation and policy, market and trade news, and production data related to the industry through a system of dissemination mechanisms such as radio programs, newsletters and internet websites.
2. **Rural Development.** Technical workshops and a loan access program designed to assist the Lithuanian MOA develop better rural development policies and mechanisms that support rural development.

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3. **Agribusiness Development.** Technical assistance and training offered through seminars, workshops, feed trials, and U.S. study tours in the areas of swine feed management, dairy production and genetics, and merchandising.
 4. **Biotechnology.** Technical outreach, collaborative research, and scientific exchanges designed to promote the awareness of biotechnology issues and to identify opportunities for U.S. technical cooperation.

II. Responsibilities of the Parties

The Lithuanian Ministry of Agriculture

1. Agrees to provide for the official participation of the staff and faculty of cooperating Ministry of Agriculture offices and research facilities.
2. Agrees to disseminate research findings and technical information to interested universities, agribusinesses and individual farmers.
3. Agrees to provide duty-free entry of materials and equipment necessary for support of activities under this agreement.
4. Agrees to provide access to conference space, translation services, program promotion, and in-country expenses for participants, when appropriate.
5. Agrees to contribute to the expenses of participants traveling to the United States for training (e.g. airfare, translation, meals, etc.).


The United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service

1. Agrees to provide U.S. technical advisors to assist in the design and the development of projects. United States technical advisors will make themselves available for appropriate seminars and conferences.
2. Agrees to arrange and coordinate the appropriate exchanges and trade missions.
3. Agrees to assist in the publication and distribution of scientific results from the research and technical projects.

III. Term of Implementation


This Letter of Implementation shall enter into force on the date of the last required signature and shall remain in force as long as the Memorandum of Understanding is mutually acknowledged.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LITHUANIA:**

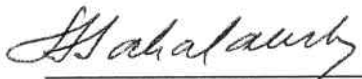

Dr. Edvardas Makelis
Minister of Agriculture

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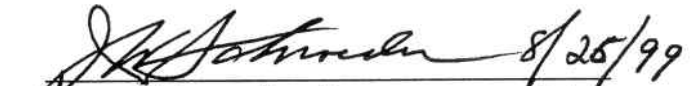
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