

**ACTION PLAN FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE FOR 2016  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

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The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

With a view to facilitating a closer cooperation in the field of agriculture;

Having regard to the Agreement on Cooperation in the Sector of Agriculture, signed on 6 September 2005 by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia;

In accordance with the national legislation of the Member States and their international obligations:

Have agreed to further promote bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and jointly carry out the following activities in 2016:

**1. Animal breeding**

The Lithuanian side will consult and provide methodological assistance in the management of a single origin system for the administration of origin of farm and breeding animals and the assessment of performance of animals to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia, as well as subsidiary bodies of the Ministry and companies operating in the breeding sector.

**2. Fisheries**

The Lithuanian side will consult and provide methodological assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia with an aim to improve the management of the fisheries sector, share the experience related to fish disease prevention, as well as the breeding of valuable species of fish (salmon, whitefish, predatory fish, sturgeon) which are mainly grown in closed cycle systems in indoor waters.

### **3. Organic agriculture**

The Lithuanian side will consult and provide methodological assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia with regard to organic agricultural production, the development and implementation of an organic certification system.

### **4. Consultation of agricultural operators**

The Lithuanian side will consult and provide methodological assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia to establish an agricultural advisory service and improve the advisory services for farmers, cooperatives and agricultural companies.

In the course of implementing the above-mentioned activities, the Parties have agreed to organize two visits by Lithuanian experts to Armenia in June and October of 2016 and one visit of Armenian agricultural specialists to Lithuania in September 2016.

During the first visit to Armenia in June 2016, the Lithuanian team will introduce the Lithuanian experience in the implementation of agricultural reforms related to the accession to the European Union to the leadership and specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia and its subordinate organizations and will themselves take note of the restructuring and reforms taking place in the agricultural sector of the Republic of Armenia.

During the visit to Lithuania in September of 2016, Armenian agricultural specialists will be introduced to the Lithuanian experience in the implementation of agricultural reforms related to the accession to the European Union in the sectors of animal husbandry and livestock breeding, fisheries, organic agricultural production and the developing of organic certification system and consulting of farmers, cooperatives and agricultural companies.

During the second visit of the Lithuanian team to Armenia in October 2016, Lithuanian and Armenian specialists will discuss the results of providing the Lithuanian experience to Armenia in the sectors of importance to the Republic of Armenia, such as animal husbandry and livestock breeding, fisheries, organic agricultural production, the development of an organic certification system and consulting of farmers, cooperatives and agricultural companies. In addition, the Parties will discuss the potential of further cooperation.

This Action Plan shall be amended and revised upon agreement of the Parties.

Expenses of the activities conducted within the framework of this Action Plan shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

This Action Plan was signed in *Yerevan* on the *10<sup>th</sup>* of *June* 2016 on in two original copies, each of them in the Lithuanian, Armenian and English languages. In case of divergence of interpretation of the provisions of the Action Plan, the English version shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Agriculture  
of the Republic of Lithuania**



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