

Memorandum of Understanding

**the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of the Republic of Korea
and
the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific
Covering Collaboration
in Safe Food, Healthy Diet, Medicine, Medical device and Health Technology
Applied Products**

The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of the Republic of Korea ("MFDS") and the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific ("WHO WPRO") (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides"),

(1) recognizing the importance of ensuring that safe food, including healthy diet, medicine(including biopharmaceuticals, traditionalmedicine), medical devices and health technology applied products are made available and accessible to the public

(2) desiring to develop a long-term collaboration strategy between the Sides on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit that promotes the availability and access to safe food, including healthy diet, medicine(including biopharmaceuticals, traditional medicine), medical devices, and health technology applied products,

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1: Basic Principle

The Sides hereby confirm their intention to promote cooperation in the areas of food(including healthy diet), medicine(including biopharmaceuticals and traditional medicine), medical device and health technology applied product in accordance with this MOU.

Paragraph 2: Areas of Cooperation

The Sides will, with specific terms of reference or appropriate formalities other than this MOU;

- a. exchange information in relation to food safety and healthy diet, policy, access, supply, quality and safety of medicine(including biopharmaceuticals and traditional medicine, medical devices and other health technology applied products;
- b. hold joint symposiums, workshops and trainings;
- c. cooperate to place human resources from MFDS to regular or rotational posts in WPRO or WHO country offices in the Region; and
- d. cooperate to provide technical assistance to Member States in the Region in the areas of food, medicines, and health technology applied products, including investigation of quality and safety incidents or issues in the Region upon request from WHO WPRO.

Paragraph 3: Financial Arrangements

- a. Each Side will bear its own cost in relation to cooperative activities under this MOU.
- b. The cost of any assistance provided by either Side at the request of the other will be borne by the requesting Side, unless otherwise decided by the Sides.

Paragraph 4: Release of Information

Neither Side may disclose or distribute to any third Side any confidential information transmitted by the other Side in the process of cooperative activities under this MOU, except as and to the extent authorized in writing to do so by the other Side.

Paragraph 5: Resolution of Differences

Any differences in the interpretation and/or implementation of this MOU will be resolved amicably through consultations between the Sides.

Paragraph 6: Validity and Termination

a. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of five years. It will be automatically renewed for a successive period of additional five years, unless either Side notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this MOU six (6) months in advance.

b. This MOU may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Sides.

c. The termination of this MOU will not affect the duration or validity of any cooperative activities under this MOU which are in progress at the time of the notification of the termination of this MOU.

Paragraph 7: Contact Point(s)

The Sides will nominate a point of contact for the ongoing communication of issues related to the implementation of this MOU.

Signed in duplicate in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 27 June 2016, in the Korean and English languages, each version being equally valid. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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