

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND INNOVATION OF
ICELAND
ON INSPECTION, QUARANTINE AND VETERINARY
SANITARY REQUIREMENTS ON IMPORT AND EXPORT OF
FARMED FISH PRODUCTS**

General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as GACC) and the Ministry of Industries and Innovation of Iceland (hereinafter referred to as MOII) have reached an agreement through friendly consultations on issues related to the bilateral import and export of farmed fish products and inspection, quarantine and veterinary sanitary requirements.

Article 1

In implementing this memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU), the competent authorities shall be GACC and the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority assigned by MOII (hereinafter referred to as MAST).

Article 2

Fish in this MOU refers to fish products which originate from farmed fish. The products include fish heads, fish eggs, fish liver, fish maw and other edible parts, not including live fish and are chilled, frozen or processed by other methods.

Article 3

The two sides unanimously agreed that the official supervision of the safety of import and export of farmed fish products in the other country is effective. By signing this MOU, both parties agree to import the farmed fish products of the other country, and the requirements for inspection and quarantine and veterinary hygiene of the exported fish products should meet the import requirements of the other party. The farmed fish products exported from China to Iceland must meet the requirements of the relevant regulations of the European Economic Area (EEA).

Both parties shall conduct inspection and quarantine and supervision of imported farmed fish products at the import port in accordance with domestic laws and regulations.

Article 4

The exporter shall be responsible for the inspection and quarantine of farmed fish products for export. The relevant organizations in both countries (GACC in China and MAST in Iceland) shall be responsible for the issuing of veterinary (hygiene) certificate in accordance with the requirements of the importing country.

Both sides shall ensure that the farmed fish products exported:

- a) are free from OIE notifiable aquatic animal diseases.
- b) that veterinary drugs and feed additives prohibited by both sides have never been used.
- c) in accordance with relevant laws of China and Iceland at the time of inspection and quarantine, fish are clinically healthy with favorable results exhibiting no infections of epidemic disease and the body and internal organs are free from any pathological changes.

Both sides shall declare through the veterinary (hygiene) certificate issued:

- a) that the products come from establishments which are registered with the competent authority.
- b) the products are produced, packaged, stored and transported under hygienic conditions and are under the supervision of the competent authority.
- c) the products were inspected and quarantined by the competent authority and are free from harmful pathogens, toxic and harmful substances and foreign substances prescribed in the laws and regulations of each other's country.
- d) the products meet veterinary hygiene requirements and are considered fit for human consumption.

Article 5

In accordance with this MOU, both sides will continue to cooperate on further expanding the bilateral import and export trade in farmed fish products between China and Iceland, jointly promoting the expansion of bilateral import and export trade in farmed fish products between the two countries in terms of the number of manufacturing and processing enterprises and the total

volume of trade, and jointly assessing and regulating bilateral import and export trade in farmed fish products between the two countries.

Article 6

Both sides agree to establish a consultation and cooperation mechanism on the safety of import and export of farmed fish products to enhance mutual understanding and trust.

Both sides agree that relevant competent authorities of both sides shall:

- a) conduct exchanges and cooperation in the supervision, administration and inspection of import and export of farmed fish products, as well as in the inspection and quarantine of aquatic products, and conduct consultations and on-site inspections from time to time, as appropriate.
- b) inform each other of the laws, regulations and standards relating to the safety of import and export of farmed fish products, as well as the procedures, methods and techniques for inspection and Quarantine of import and export of farmed fish products.
- c) exchange relevant information on toxic and harmful substances residues and aquatic epidemics of mutual concern; and provide information on fish farms and production enterprises on production, export, safety and hygiene supervision from time to time. When an aquatic animal epidemic occurs in one country's waters and fish products may be contaminated, the export of fish products from the corresponding area shall be stopped immediately and notified to the other country. If the risk is reduced to a controllable level and if export of the product is to be resumed, it should be confirmed by the other country in advance.
- d) in the case of major food safety incidents involving fish products, the exporting country shall immediately notify the importing country and provide detailed information on food safety issues, at the same time stop exporting farmed fish products to the importing country and recall potentially dangerous and contaminated fish products. When food safety issues have been thoroughly investigated and an appropriate level of safety reached, a prior agreement should be obtained if export is to be resumed.

Article 7

This MOU is valid for 5 years. At least two months prior to the expiration of the validity period, if one party fails to notify the other party in writing to

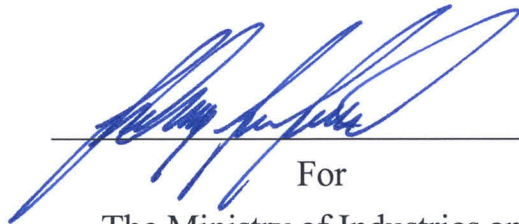
modify or terminate this MOU, the validity period of this MOU is automatically extended for 5 years. This MOU may be amended by mutual agreement. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other party six months in advance.

Article 8

This MOU was signed in Iceland on 24 May 2019, in duplicate, one in Chinese and another in English, both texts having the same legal effect. This MOU shall enter into force on the date of signature.



For
The General Administration of
Customs of the People's Republic of
China



For
The Ministry of Industries and
Innovation of Iceland