

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
ON COOPERATION RELATED TO IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE  
OF  
FISHERY PRODUCTS  
BETWEEN  
THE MARINE PRODUCTS EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA) OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF QUALITY SUPERVISION,  
INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA**

On the basis of mutual understanding between the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, ~~Government~~ of India) of the Republic of India and the ~~General~~ Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the parties"). Within their respective jurisdiction and responsibilities, the parties recognize the great significance on strengthening mutual cooperation in promoting trade of fishery products and healthy development of trade. After consultation, the parties have reached the following agreements:

**Article 1**

The parties agreed that within their respective jurisdiction and responsibilities, actively carry out the exchange and cooperation in the field of trade in fishery products safety and the healthy

development of trade, such as exchanging laws, market access information, regulations and standards related to fishery products of each other, especially the requirements of Health Certificate for fishery products.

## Article 2

All the fishery products exported from the Republic of India to the People's Republic of China shall be accompanied with a Health Certificate. If either party intends to revise the contents of the Health Certificate, one party should notify to other party in writing before at least 180 days, and thereafter the new Health Certificate will be in force based on mutual negotiation and consultation.

Both parties agree that modification, addition of products/ producers/ exporters of seafood from both sides is based on the consultation between the parties to facilitate the trade.

The parties agreed to provide for the mechanism for dispute settlement in case of quality rejection or any such issues related to quality and safety faced by traders from both the countries.

This MOU provides for mechanism for review of progress in trade on a regular basis. The parties will make efforts to reduce the duplication in the inspection of fishery products.

Both parties agreed to keep informed the authorized agency of any preventive /corrective /restrictive action taken.

Both parties will have reciprocal rights in checking for health and hygiene requirements of fishery products.

### Article 3

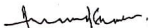
To further strengthen bilateral exchanges and cooperation, the parties will assign contact point, respectively. The contact point of Chinese party is Import and Export Food Safety Bureau of AQSIQ, contact person: Dr. Yang Binbin, Email: yangbb@aqsiq.gov.cn. The contact point of Indian party is the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), contact person: Ms. Leena Nair, Email: leenanair@mpeda.nic.in.

### Article 4

This MOU will become effective on the date on which it is signed by both parties and will be in effect for five years. The MOU will be extended automatically for 5 years after expiration date. Any parties that plan to terminate it should notify the other party in writing six months in advance.

This MOU is made in Chinese, English and Hindi version, in duplicate copies. The three versions are equally authentic. If there is any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

This MOU is signed in New Delhi, on 20<sup>th</sup> May of 2013.



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