Memorandum of Understanding between

the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection and

the Singapore Food Agency on cooperation in the fields of Food Safety and Food Supply

The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection and the Singapore Food Agency (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants" and individually as a – "Participant"),

desiring to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the fields of Food Safety and Food Supply,

have come to the following understanding:

Paragraph 1 Objectives

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as this "MOU") are to establish bilateral cooperation and facilitate communication between the Participants in the fields of food safety and food supply, in accordance with their respective national laws, regulations and policies.

Paragraph 2 Scope of Cooperation

The Participants will cooperate in areas of mutual interest. The cooperative activities may include the following areas based on mutual agreement:

- facilitation of mutual trade of food during import, export and re-export, in line with their respective national laws, regulations and policies and, where applicable, taking into consideration international law;
- cooperation on addressing food safety at all stages of the food supply chain;
- c. conducting training for food safety specialists;
- d. exchange of knowledge through reports and results of joint scientificresearch works;
- e. exchange of information regarding disease outbreaks, in addition to sending disease reports according to the guidelines referred to in the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (hereinafter referred to as "WOAH Terrestrial Code");

- f. promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of control, prevention and eradication of diseases referred to in the WOAH Terrestrial Code;
- g. exchange of information on any prohibitions and restrictions imposed on import and export of food due to food safety, animal health or plant health reasons;
- h. facilitating the establishment of relations between the private sectors of the Participants in the food sectors, to facilitate bilateral trade and strengthen food security; and
- i. any other area agreed by the Participants in writing.

Paragraph 3 Bilateral Meetings

As appropriate, bilateral meetings regarding the areas of mutual interest, as listed in Paragraph 2, may be organized on a permanent or temporary basis between the Participants based on mutual agreement.

Paragraph 4 Personnel Exchange and Cooperation

In order to properly prepare for bilateral visits, the host Participant will take appropriate steps and inform the other Participant in advance about the organization of such visits.

Paragraph 5 Funding

Each Participant agrees to pay its own expenses associated with its participation in cooperative activities. All cooperative activities carried out under this MOU are subject to the availability of funds, personnel and other resources and in accordance with the Participants' respective national laws, rules, regulations and policies.

Paragraph 6 Amendment

This MoU may be amended by the mutual agreement of the Participants in writing. Any amendment will take effect on such date as may be agreed between the Participants in writing.

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Paragraph 7 Entry into Effect and Termination

- 7.1 This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature.
- 7.2 This MOU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, and will be renewed automatically for subsequent five (5) year periods unless either Participant notifies the other Participant in writing of its intention to terminate this MOU at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the intended termination.

Paragraph 8 Confidentiality

- 8.1 Each Participant shall, subject to its respective national laws, rules, regulations and policies, observe and safeguard the confidentiality of all documents, information and data received from or supplied to the other Participant pursuant to this MOU or any other project or activity as may be initiated or undertaken thereunder, unless such documents, information and other data are already in the public domain. Each Participant shall not use such documents, information and data for any purpose other than to carry out their commitments under this MOU.
- 8.2 The Participants' obligations under this Paragraph shall continue indefinitely notwithstanding the expiry or termination of this MOU.

Paragraph 9 Resolution of Disputes

The Participants will amicably resolve any disputes or differences regarding the interpretation or application of this MOU through mutual consultations.

Signed in duplicate in <u>Singapore</u>, on <u>18 December</u> 2023, in the Ukrainian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any dispute, the English language will prevail.

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