

**Memorandum of Understanding
between the Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan
and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab
Emirates regarding cooperation in animal health and food safety**

Preamble

The Food Safety Agency of Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Participants" and individually as a "Participant."

WHEREAS, the Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan is the central executive authority responsible for the implementation of state policy and regulation in the fields of food safety, veterinary, and phytosanitary control. The Agency carries out normative regulation in these areas; registration and approval in the field of food safety; issuance of import health acts, health, phytosanitary, internal quarantine and veterinary certificates; state control over the safety of food and feed products, as well as materials and articles intended to come into contact with food; monitoring compliance with minimum quality requirements of food products at all stages of the food chain; and the protection of consumer rights in relation to food and feed products and consignments subject to state veterinary and phytosanitary control.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, is the federal entity responsible for formulating policy for agricultural, livestock, and fisheries resources and for protecting them, as well as for enhancing the United Arab Emirates' national food security. It is currently leading the country's efforts to address and adapt to climate change, reduce emissions, and drive transformation across key sectors in cooperation with the relevant authorities.

Recognizing the necessity of bilateral cooperation in facilitating the export-import of consignments under veterinary control, sharing the commitment to protect animal health and public health, and preventing the occurrence and spread of infectious animal diseases,

Guided by the desire to promote Azerbaijan - UAE relations and to deepen cooperation in the field of veterinary,

The Participants have agreed as follows:

Paragraph 1

Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding aims to establish a general framework for cooperation between the both Participants in the fields of animal health and food safety of mutual interest, including supporting efforts to prevent and limit the spread of infectious animal diseases, protecting animal health and public health and exchanging samples of health and veterinary certificates, thereby contributing to the enhancement of technical and institutional cooperation and the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Paragraph 2

Areas of cooperation

For the purposes of applying this Memorandum of Understanding the Participants wish to cooperate in accordance with the applicable national law of each of the Participants in the following areas;

- 1) Exchange of information on the laws and regulations in force in the respective countries relating to food safety and animal health.
- 2) Exchange of information and best practices in the field of live animals and their products development.
- 3) Exchange of information and best practices in the field of food safety.
- 4) Exchange of samples of veterinary and health certificates;
- 5) Implementation of cooperation programs within the framework of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and other relevant structures.
- 6) Exchange information about the epizootic situation that has emerged or may occur in both countries.
- 7) Strengthening cooperation between the diagnostic and analytical laboratories of the Participants in areas of mutual interest.

Paragraph 3

Implementation

1. The Participants will establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Memorandum of Understanding and to develop long-term programs in the fields of animal health and food safety.
2. The Joint Working Group will hold virtual meetings and, as necessary, will convene alternately in the Republic of Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates to conduct periodic reviews of program implementation and to prepare subsequent work plans.

Paragraph 4

Expenses

Expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be borne by each Participant in accordance with their respective national laws.

All activities under this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of financial and human resources and will be carried out in accordance with the national laws of the Participants.

Paragraph 5

Settlement of disagreements

Any disagreement arising from the implementation or application of Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably through consultations between the two Participants by diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 6

Legal status

This Memorandum of Understanding is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations regulated by international law.

Paragraph 7

Amendments

Amendments may be made to this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual written consent of the Participants, in a form of separate Protocols, which will constitute an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and come into effect in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 8.

Paragraph 8

Final Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for an initial period of 3 (three) years and will be automatically renewed thereafter for the next periods of 3 (three) years, unless either Participant notifies the other Participant in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least 3 (three) months prior to the expiration of the relevant period. This Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated 3 (three) months after the date of receiving of such notification.

Signed in Baku, on 17 February 2026, in two original copies, each in the English language.

**For the Food Safety Agency of the
Republic of Azerbaijan**



**For the Ministry of Climate Change
and Environment of the United Arab
Emirates**

