

In the name of God

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**The Plant Protection Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture Jihad of
the Islamic Republic of Iran**

And

**The State Service for Food Safety of the Ministry of the Agriculture of the
Republic of Armenia**

in the Field of the Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine

The Plant Protection Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture Jihad of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State Service for Food Safety of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" guided by intention to develop bilateral cooperation, within the framework of their competencies, in the field of plant quarantine following provisions of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) have agreed as follows:

Paragraph 1

The Parties re-affirm their rights and obligations made by IPPC standards and the other party phytosanitary requirements during the export of plant and plant product consignments.

Paragraph 2

The Parties shall ensure that phytosanitary measures are developed and applied on the basis of the principles of proportionality, transparency, non-discrimination and scientific justification and taking into account the international standards.

Paragraph 3

The Parties shall issue the phytosanitary certificates in English language and validity period of phytosanitary certificates will remain up to 21 days from issuing date.

Paragraph 4

The Parties will exchange a copy of their laws and regulations in force for plant protection and plant quarantine, and a list of their quarantine pests. The Parties agree to inform the other party from any change in the said laws, regulations and list. The Parties shall ensure that phytosanitary measures do not arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminate. Phytosanitary measures shall not be applied in a manner which would constitute a disguised restriction on trade.

Paragraph 5

The Parties, for the purpose of mutual communication, will use the electronic addresses of the contact points of the Parties listed at IPPC official website.

Paragraph 6

The Parties will do their best to make necessary measures for inspection, and where necessary the laboratory examinations and treatment plant and plant product consignments in order to prevent introduction of quarantine pests to the territory of the other Party.

Paragraph 7

Plant and plant product consignments to be exported from other party, if necessary, will be subject to the disinfection in the original production sites or in the transport means or container, provided that time period from the date of its disinfection to the date of shipment shall not exceed twenty one days. The disinfection operation as well as the name of disinfection material will be stated in the phytosanitary certificate.

Paragraph 8

Plant and plant product consignments sending to the other party will be devoid of soil and will be applicable devoid of plant residues and seeds need to be free from weed seeds. Plant and plant product consignments will be relevant to the international standard for phytosanitary measures and the phytosanitary requirements of importing country.

Paragraph 9

This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written request and agreement of the parties through diplomatic channels. Such amendment will come into effect on the date of its signature by the parties.

Paragraph 10
Disputes arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiation between both Parties through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 11
The Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature for a period of five (5) years and will be automatically extended for further five- year periods unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum at least six (6) months prior to the date of its expiry.

Paragraph 12
The provisions of this Memorandum will not be considered as an international agreement and will not affect Parties international rights and obligations in the field of plant protection and plant quarantine.

Paragraph 13
This Memorandum was done in the city of Yerevan on 2/3/1396 (Iranian Calendar) corresponding to May 23, 2017 in two original copies in the Persian, Armenian and English languages, all the texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence in the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum, the English text will prevail.

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