

CONVENTION

Between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of Romania on cooperation in the veterinary field

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of Romania, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

motivated by the desire to expand and develop the mutual cooperation in the veterinary field in order to have adequate protection against dangers caused by animal diseases and products of animal origin characterized by inappropriate health and

guided by the desire to further develop the relations between the two countries in order to facilitate the mutual trade in animals, animal origin products and feed stuffs,

have decided to conclude this Convention:

Article 1

The Parties shall cooperate with regard to the protection of their states' territories against the transmission of animal diseases during the import, export and transit of animals, animal origin raw materials, products of animal origin, biological materials as well as animal feeds and objects which are a potential source of animal diseases transmission.

Article 2

The appropriate veterinary authorities of the Parties are as follows:

1. The Veterinary Inspection of the Ministry of Agriculture and Use of Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia;
2. The National Sanitary Veterinary Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Romania.

Article 3

The appropriate veterinary authorities shall agree on mutual activities in order to simplify the execution of the veterinary procedures for the import, export and transit of animals and goods that are subject to the veterinary control at the border. Mutual activities shall be agreed on taking into consideration the rules of the Armenian and Romanian legislations, as well as the European Union principles.

Article 4

1. The appropriate veterinary authorities shall:

a) inform each other immediately about the occurrence on their states' territories of the diseases specified in the list A of the International Office of Epizootic, including the name of the species, the number of animals affected by the disease and the area of the disease spreading, the basis of the diagnosis and the type of activities undertaken in order to fight the disease;

b) exchange every month official bulletins containing data on infectious animal diseases, specified in the lists A and B of the International Office of Epizootic;

c) exchange specimen of certificates defining the conditions of importing animals, foodstuffs of animal origin and animal feeds and shall inform each other about the amendments and supplements introduced in these documents.

2. The appropriate veterinary authorities of the Parties shall inform each other immediately about the prevention measures taken in case the diseases specified in the list A of the International Office of Epizootic appear on the territory of the neighboring countries.

Article 5

The Parties shall support the cooperation between the appropriate veterinary authorities and Armenian and Romanian institutions that make use of scientific and technological achievements in the veterinary field through:

a) exchange of experience and knowledge concerning the veterinary profession issues;

b) cooperation between the appropriate veterinary authorities and institutions;

c) exchange of information and working level visits paid by specialists and scientific staff;

d) exchange of specialised journals and other veterinary publications;

e) exchange of information concerning sanitary veterinary activities, legal provisions and rules and regulations published in this field.

The Parties shall enable their appropriate veterinary authorities to carry out mutual controls in the enterprises exporting food and other products of animal origin.

Article 6

1. The costs connected with the exchange of information and documents shall be borne in the following way:

a) the costs of the exchange of information and specialised magazines and written materials between the appropriate veterinary authorities of the Parties shall be borne by the sending Party;

b) in the case when one of the Parties requests the other to send specialists or scientific staff all the costs shall be covered by the Party submitting such a request, in the case when the specialists' conference is agreed on by both Parties, the costs shall be covered by each Party for its delegation or through provisional agreements on reciprocal basis.

Article 7

1. Whenever the need arises, the representatives of the appropriate veterinary authorities of the Parties shall meet at a place and time mutually agreed on.

2. Any disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the present Convention shall be resolved through direct negotiations between the appropriate veterinary authorities of the Parties.

3. In case no understanding is reached during the negotiations mentioned under item 2, the discrepancies between the Parties related to the implementation of this Convention shall be examined by a Joint Commission. The Commission shall comprise two veterinarians and one lawyer from each Party. The Commission shall meet on the request of one Party within thirty days from the date of asking for such a meeting by one of the Parties on its state's territory. The meeting will be chaired alternately by a member of each delegation.

Article 8

This Convention does not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties resulting from other international agreements concluded by the Parties in the sanitary veterinary field.

Article 9

This Convention shall enter into force sixty days from the date of the second notification through which the Parties shall inform each other about the completion of the procedures required by their national legislation in this respect.

Article 10

This Convention is concluded for a period of five years. Its validity shall be automatically extended for the next five years unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party about its intention to terminate the Convention at least six months before the expiration of the validity of a given period.

Done in Bucharest on April 5, 2000 in two original copies, each in Armenian, Romanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.
In case of differences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

The Convention has entered into force on February 19, 2001.