Memorandum of Understanding between the Gyeongin Regional Korea Food and Drug Administration and the Shandong Entry-exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of the People's Republic of China

The Gyeongin Regional Korea Food and Drug Administration of the Republic of Korea ("Gyeongin Regional KFDA") and the Shandong Entry-exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides"),

Wishing to enhance cooperation and exchange of information in the areas of food safety between the Sides on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit,

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1 Areas of Cooperation

The Sides will:

- a. facilitate information exchange of food import control system, inspection standards and methods;
- b. exchange information of food imports within the region to secure safety of the imported food and to facilitate the trade of quality food products;
- c. organize annual exchange visit to be held in Korea and alternately in China and arrange site inspection of food import manufacturing establishments as agreed by the Sides;
- d. exchange latest information, distribute reference standards and share related information in order to prevent illegal and adulterated substance in food and functional food;

- e. when deemed necessary, organize short-term exchange visit of relevant persons for mutual understanding and training in analytical methods; and
- f. assist other Side in cooperative activities arranged under this MOU during the visit.

Paragraph 2 Areas of Cooperation and Financial Arrangements

- a. The Sides will designate their respective contact points to ensure efficient operation of the consultation. The composition and agenda of cooperative activities will be decided upon by the Sides in advance.
- b. Annual exchange visit will be held in Korea and alternately in China and when deemed necessary, it can be mutually decided by the Sides.
- c. Each Side will bear its own costs in relation to cooperative activities under this Arrangement, unless otherwise decided by the Sides.

Paragraph 3 Validity and Termination

- a. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of five years. It will be automatically renewed for successive periods of five years, unless either Side notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this MOU six (6) months in advance.
- b. This MOU may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Sides.
- c. The termination of this MOU will not affect the duration or validity of any cooperative activities under this MOU which are in progress at the time of the notification of the termination of this MOU.

Signed in duplicate at Gyeongin Regional KFDA on November, 26, 2012, in Korean, Chinese and English languages, each version being equally valid. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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