



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
AND
CHINA'S CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT
REGARDING COOPERATION TO ENHANCE ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST**

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and China's Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) (collectively "the Participants") recognize the importance of timely and effective communication and scientific collaboration. This Memorandum of Understanding provides a framework of intentions between the Participants to facilitate the development of projects of mutual interest.

I. PURPOSE

FDA and CFSA share a common interest in advancing food safety risk assessment research and concepts; and in sharing expertise in support of mutually beneficial public health outcomes. Activities of mutual interest may be developed in any area consistent with the parties' missions and strategic plans, including, but not limited to food safety risk assessment, risk management and risk communication.

II. SCOPE

The Participants intend that cooperative activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Studies, research, scientific exchanges, and other types of scientific cooperation.

- Short-term specialized analytical and advisory projects such as the provision of technical services in connection with a specific project or program by means of a technical mission or collaboration between expert(s).
- Technical and/or administrative support for the preparation and execution of projects.
- Publication of documents.
- Training, either in-service or through courses, seminars, study trips, and/or program work with academic institutions.
- Exchange of methodologies.
- Personnel exchanges.
- Reciprocal invitations to meetings on technical or policy matters of mutual interest.
- Organization and sponsoring of conferences or workshops on subjects of common interest.

III. INFORMATION SHARING

The Participants expect that all of the information exchanged under this Memorandum of Understanding will be provided in a form appropriate for public dissemination under the laws governing the transmitting Participant.

IV. OPERATING PROCEDURES

The performance of specific activities may be subject to additional documentation as decided by the Participants.

V. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Each Participant recognizes that all activities hereunder are subject to the availability of funds, personnel, and other resources.

VI. DURATION, MODIFICATION AND NONBINDING INTENT

1. Participants intend this Memorandum of Understanding to take effect upon signature by both Participants and to continue indefinitely.
2. The Participants may modify this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual written decision, specifying the date the modifications are to take effect.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the other Participant.

4. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding should not affect the completion of ongoing projects and programs conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding unless the Participants decide otherwise in writing.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding does not create binding obligations. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding affects the Participants' ability to carry out activities and programs in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

6. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding changes the existing rights of either Participant relating to the conduct of its own authorized regulatory activities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the other country when necessary to meet the needs of its own regulatory programs and/or individual missions.

Signed in Beijing, P. R. China on this 11th day of December, 2013.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Signed on behalf of FDA:

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PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Signed on behalf of CFSA:

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