

**Memorandum  
of cooperation in the sphere of plant quarantine  
between the National Plant Protection Organizations of  
the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
and of the Russian Federation**

National Plant Protection Organization (hereinafter referred to as Ethiopian NPPO) represented by the Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Department of the Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development from the Ethiopian side,

National Plant Protection Organization (hereinafter referred to as Russian NPPO) represented by the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Russian Federation) from the Russian side,

hereinafter referred to as the Parties, wishing to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in the field of plant quarantine in order to exclude deliveries of the regulated articles infested with quarantine pests and to prevent their spread into the territory of the importing Party, following the provisions of the International Plant Protection Convention (Rome, 1951, in edition of 1997; hereinafter referred to as Convention), International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures,

have agreed as to the following:

1. Both Parties shall accept the regulated articles inspected by the public officers of the Parties' NPPOs.
2. The Ethiopian Party shall be fully responsible for the compliance of the regulated articles delivered to the Russian Federation with international and Russian phytosanitary requirements.

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3. Regulated articles, imported into the territory of the Russian Federation, shall be inspected and accompanied by the phytosanitary certificates issued in compliance with the provisions of the Convention and of the present Memorandum.
4. The Ethiopian Party shall take all the necessary measures to ensure the traceability of all the relevant actions taken during the phytosanitary certification process and to strengthen control over filling in, issuing and records of the phytosanitary certificates, in order to avoid their forgery and non-compliance with the requirements of the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 12 "Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates" (Rome, 2001), as well as over the compliance with the international and Russian phytosanitary requirements during deliveries of the regulated articles to the territory of the Russian Federation.
5. The Ethiopian Party shall conduct official national monitoring program of the regulated articles originating from the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to be exported to the Russian Federation. Monitoring is an official long-term process to check the phytosanitary situation (International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 5 "Glossary of phytosanitary terms" (Rome, 2007)).
6. The Ethiopian Party shall through appropriate procedures and in line with Article IV, clause 2g of the Convention ensure the phytosanitary safety of the regulated articles after their certification till the moment of their export regarding their composition, substitution and re-infestation.
7. Transport means and containers, packaging materials, used during the regulated articles deliveries shall be subject to the preliminary disinfection,

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shall be cleared from plant debris and pests, and this should be recorded correspondingly in the phytosanitary certificate in section "Additional Declaration".

8. Regulated articles for mutual deliveries shall be subject to the disinfection in case it is required. Disinfection shall be conducted by the organizations subordinated to the Ethiopian NPPO and to the Russian NPPO.
9. The Ethiopian Party shall arrange voluntary registration of the Ethiopian exporters of the regulated articles to the Russian Federation and shall provide the list thereof to the Russian Party in three months period.
10. The Russian Party, following Article VII clause 2f of the Convention and provisions of the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 13 "Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action" (Rome, 2002), shall promptly inform the Ethiopian Party on cases of non-compliance with the international and Russian phytosanitary requirements during deliveries of the regulated articles from the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Russian Federation and emergency actions taken with respect to such consignments.
11. Shall the violations of the international and Russian phytosanitary requirements be detected by the Russian Party during the regulated articles deliveries from the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Russian Federation, the Ethiopian Party shall exclude the exporter committing the violation from the exporters list informing the Russian Party in two weeks period by sending a new list.

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12. In case a public officer of the Ethiopian Party shall, systematically commit violations of the international and Russian phytosanitary requirements during exports of the regulated articles from the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Russian Federation, bilateral consultations between the Russian Party and the Ethiopian Party shall be held to determine the measures to be taken. If the measures taken prove to be ineffective, ultimately, the relevant public officer shall be disbarred by the Ethiopian Party from performing the phytosanitary inspections of exports to the Russian Federation.
13. The possibility for the exporter excluded from the list to resume the regulated articles exports and for the disbarred public officer to resume its activities shall be considered by the Russian Party upon receipt from the Ethiopian Party the official investigation results, information on the measures taken to eliminate the causes of the violations committed against the guarantees of the Ethiopian Party to comply with the international and Russian phytosanitary requirements during deliveries of the regulated articles from the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Russian Federation.
14. The Parties have agreed upon the necessity to implement a system of the electronic verification of the phytosanitary certificates accompanying the regulated articles in the form of sending the electronic notifications to the Russian NPPO operational departmental system "Fitonadzor" ensuring records and issue of the phytosanitary documentation.
15. The Parties shall contact each other in case it will be necessary and shall enhance the exchange of information.
16. The current MOC puts Ethiopia as exporting and Russian Federation as importing country designating responsibility of complying the IPPC to exporting country alone. In order to comprehensively address and comply the IPPC, the two parties will work through their NPPO With in 4-6 month of signing the MOC.

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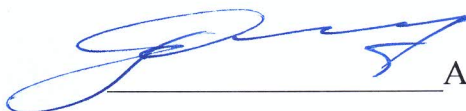
17. This Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of its signing.

Done in Addis Ababa on 17<sup>th</sup> march 2011 in two original copies each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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