

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON COOPERATION IN THE  
FIELD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

The Government of New Zealand and the Government of the Russian Federation  
(hereafter referred to as the "Parties")

desiring to establish cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine with a view to  
controlling the spread of infectious diseases in animals

have agreed upon the following:

**Article 1**

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of veterinary medicine and take necessary  
measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases from the territory of one Party to  
the territory of the other one as a result of transportation of animals, products and raw  
materials of animal origin, and animal feedstuffs between their respective territories.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall ensure that the measures referred to in Article 1 do not create  
unjustifiable barriers to trade and that they are consistent with international sanitary  
standards and norms, in particular those agreed by the Office International des  
Epizooties and Codex Alimentarius.

**Article 3**

The Parties entrust the competent veterinary authorities of both countries to jointly  
develop and sign the appropriate Understanding on veterinary and sanitary conditions  
of export, import and transit of animals, products and raw materials of animal origin  
and animal feedstuffs.

**Article 4**

With a view to eliminating infectious diseases of animals, the competent veterinary  
authorities of the Parties shall exchange regular bulletins on infectious diseases of  
animals in their respective territories.

Where necessary, the competent veterinary authorities of the Parties shall exchange  
information on measures to prevent and control infectious animal diseases.

### Article 5

The Parties may, by mutual consent, convene joint meetings, seminars and arrange study visits on subjects of scientific and practical interest in the field of veterinary medicine.

Unless other arrangements are agreed, each Party shall bear the travel and other costs relating to the participation by its representatives in any joint meetings, seminars or study visits.

### Article 6

To fulfil the present Agreement, the competent veterinary authorities are, for New Zealand, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and, for the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

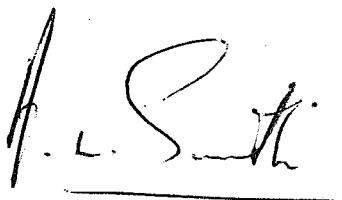
### Article 7

The Parties shall endeavour to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement by consultation and negotiation.

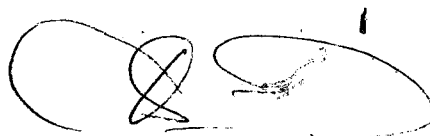
### Article 8

The present Agreement shall enter into force on signature and is concluded for an indefinite period of time. Either Party may at any time give the other Party notice of its intention to denounce the Agreement. The Agreement shall cease to have effect six months after the receipt by a Party of written notification from the other Party of its intention to denounce the Agreement.

Done at Moscow on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of 1998 in two copies, each in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



On behalf of the Government of  
New Zealand.



On behalf of the Government of  
Russian Federation