

**EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION  
OF THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE  
MINISTRY OF OCEANS AND FISHERIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
COVERING THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF FRESH AND FRESH FROZEN MOLLUSCAN  
SHELLFISH EXPORTED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) of the Republic of Korea (collectively, the Participants) wish to maintain the long standing cooperation on the safety and quality of fresh and fresh frozen molluscan shellfish exported from the Republic of Korea to the United States begun through the Memorandum of Understanding between the Food and Drug Administration Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea Covering the Safety and Quality of Fresh and Fresh Frozen Molluscan Shellfish Exported from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America, signed on November 24, 1972 (1972 MOU); and

Whereas the cooperative activities were renewed under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea concerning the sanitary control of fresh frozen molluscan shellfish destined for exportation from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America, signed at Washington and Rockville on October 28, 1998; and

Whereas the cooperative activities were renewed under the Memorandum of Understanding Covering the Safety and Quality of Fresh and Fresh Frozen Molluscan Shellfish exported from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America done at Washington and Rockville on October 28, 2003; and

Whereas the cooperative activities were renewed under the Memorandum of Understanding Covering the Safety and Quality of Fresh and Fresh Frozen Molluscan Shellfish exported from the Republic of Korea to the United States of America, signed at Washington and Sejong-si on May 22, 2015 and June 15, 2015 (2015 MOU) and were to continue for a period of five years until June 15, 2020; and

Whereas the cooperative activities were extended under the 2015 MOU and were to continue for a period of three years until June 15, 2023; and

Whereas the Participants desire to further extend the cooperative work under the 2015 MOU in promoting the safety of public health and to ensure the safety and quality of fresh and fresh frozen molluscan shellfish exported to the United States of America from the Republic of Korea; and

Whereas section VII of the 2015 MOU provides that the MOU may be extended for specified periods by written consent of both Participants;

The Participants consent to extend the 2015 MOU for a period of five (5) years with effect from June 15, 2023 through June 15, 2028; and

The Participants decide to modify the 2015 MOU under Section V. 3.A. “Participants and Liaison Officers” and replace “Director, Fisheries Infrastructure and Aquaculture Policy Division” with “Director, Fishery Products Safety Management Division” and replace “Telephone: 82 44 200 5610” with “Telephone: 82 44 200 5940”.

All other items in the MOU, as originally signed, remain unchanged.

<p><b>Signed on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America:</b></p> <p>_____ /s/ _____</p> <p><b>Mark Abdo</b> Associate Commissioner, Office of Global Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Place Washington, DC</p> <p>Date June 28, 2023</p>	<p><b>Signed on behalf of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea:</b></p> <p>_____ /s/ _____</p> <p><b>Choi Yongseok</b> Deputy Minister for Fisheries Policy Office</p> <p>Place Sejong-Si</p> <p>Date June 21, 2023</p>
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