



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

**Food Safety Commission of Japan
and European Food Safety Authority**

The Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSCJ) on one side and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) of the European Union (EU) on the other side, having considered that it is necessary to promote scientific cooperation on data collection and data sharing related to risk assessment, have decided to cooperate as follows:

1. Purpose and nature

(1) The purpose of this Memorandum is to confirm the scientific cooperation and dialogue between FSCJ and EFSA in the fields of data collection and data sharing related to risk assessment in accordance with the scope of each agency's mission in this area (Article 17 of Food Safety Basic Act (Act No. 48/2001) establishing FSCJ with regard to FSCJ, and

Article 33 of Regulation 178/2002 establishing EFSA with regard to EFSA).

(2) This Memorandum does not imply any legal obligations.

2. Items

FSCJ and EFSA will provide mutual support and cooperation on each of the following items in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

- a) Collection, analysis and sharing of technical data in the areas mentioned under paragraph 1**
- b) Sharing views and expertise in the area of methodologies for data collection**

3. Modalities

FSCJ and EFSA will each appoint a contact point that will be notified to the other side.

An evaluation meeting will be held periodically to summarize progress on cooperation.

4. Confidentiality regime

(1) FSCJ is not required to communicate to EFSA “confidential information” covered by the Act on Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs (Act No. 42/1999), National Public Service Act (Act No. 120/1947) and other applicable laws.

(2) EFSA is not required to communicate to FSCJ “confidential information” covered by Article 4.1 and 4.2 of Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001, Article 39.1 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 and other applicable laws.

5. Period of Cooperation

The cooperation described in this Memorandum will commence on the day on which it is signed by the representatives of the two agencies, and will continue for a period of five years. At the end of this period, the cooperation will continue for further period of five years, unless one of the agencies notifies the other in writing six months before the end of each period its intention to terminate the cooperation.

6. Termination

Notwithstanding the paragraph 5 above, the cooperation under this Memorandum will be terminated by notifying the other in writing its intention to terminate the cooperation in case of the occurrence of any special reasons by which the cooperation can not be continued.

The representatives of the two agencies have signed this Memorandum.

Tokyo, 4th December 2009

Parma, 7th December 2009

<p>.....</p> <p>Chairperson Food Safety Commission of Japan</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Executive Director European Food Safety Authority</p>
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