

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT,  
INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF  
BRAZIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA ON TRADE FACILITATION**

The Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

The Department of Commerce of the United States of America

(hereinafter referred to as "The Participants")

- **Considering** the importance of trade facilitation for the promotion of trade between the Participants' countries;
- **Recognizing** the close trade and economic relations between the United States and Brazil;
- **Recognizing** the private sector interest in implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement;
- **Reaffirming** the importance of public-private sector cooperation for the development of bilateral commercial relations and the complementary roles that the public and private sectors play in enhancing economic prosperity and trade facilitation;
- **Acknowledging** the importance of trade facilitation informational exchanges for ensuring the secure and efficient trade between the Participants' countries;
- **Recognizing** that supporting the broad range of trade facilitation priorities can provide benefits for government and business such as increasing efficiency and lowering costs of trade transactions, increasing predictability of trade rules and requirements, increasing transparency and increasing national competitiveness; and
- **Recognizing** that encouraging communication among the public and private sectors with respect to trade facilitation issues can improve the flow of international trade; Have reached the following intention:

**Section I**

**Information Exchanges**

1. The Participants intend, under the Working Group 1 - Trade Partnership established under the United States - Brazil Commercial Dialogue, to seek and share information about the following aspects of trade facilitation:
  - i. Using public-private partnerships to reinforce border-management reforms that support bilateral trade flow;
  - ii. Increasing the trade facilitation technical expertise of the public and private sectors in the United States and Brazil to support bilateral trade flow;

- iii. Promoting communication strategies between the government and the private sector that advance trade facilitation;
- iv. Identifying the impact on the private sector of policies and mechanisms that are designed to reduce the costs associated with engaging in international trade;
- v. Enhancing supply chain integration among the Participants' industries; and
- vi. Other trade facilitation topics of mutual interest.

2. The exchanges referred to in paragraph (1) are intended to address, among others, the following topics:

- i. cooperation between the public and private sectors;
- ii. services of interest to traders; and
- iii. procedural and information technology solutions.

## **Section II**

### **Supporting Efforts to Facilitate Bilateral Trade and Reduce Costs for Businesses**

#### **Private Sector Engagement**

The Participants intend, under the Working Group 1 - Trade Partnership established under the United States - Brazil Commercial Dialogue, to identify and propose initiatives that support the development of trade facilitation policies.

The Participants also intend to identify industries that could benefit from an increase in bilateral trade as a result of the implementation of those policies. By identifying industries, the Participants intend to develop work plans to support related cooperation, discussions and information exchanges involving the public and private sectors. The discussions and information exchanges should, among other subjects, address trade related practices, documents and information requirements, to facilitate the participation of firms in bilateral trade.

## **Section III**

### **Results Presentation**

Outcomes or developments as a result of activities conducted pursuant to this Memorandum of Intent are to be presented at the United States-Brazil Commercial Dialogue meetings, without prejudice to being presented in other related fora.

## **Section IV**

### **Final Clauses**

1. This Memorandum of Intent (MOI) comes into operation on the date of signature by the participants. Activities under this MOI are intended to continue for a period of two-years, at which time activities may continue upon the written agreement of the Participants.
2. The Participants acknowledge that this MOI is not legally binding and it is not intended to give rise to any rights or obligations under either domestic or international law. The Participants may modify this MOI at any time in writing.

3. Either Participant may, at any time, notify the other, in writing of its intention to discontinue its activities pursuant to this MOI, but should endeavor to do so at least 90 days in advance of the termination.
4. Each Participant is to bear its own costs and expenditures incurred in connection with this MOI. The activities of each Participant in connection with this MOI are contingent on the availability of funds and other resources, and are subject to the laws and regulations that govern each Participant.
5. The Participants would endeavor to address any differences of opinion that may arise with respect to the MOI through consultation.

**ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN  
TRADE OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

**ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
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