

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

AND

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ARTICLE 1

Objective

In accordance with Article 13.1 of the Free Trade Agreement concluded between the People's Republic of China and the Swiss Confederation (hereinafter referred to as the "Free Trade Agreement") the Parties declare their readiness to foster economic cooperation, in accordance with national policy objectives, noting that particular attention should be given to the different level of social and economic development of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Relation to Other Initiatives of Economic and Technical Cooperation

This Work Programme, signed in parallel to the Free Trade Agreement concluded between the People's Republic of China and the Swiss Confederation shall build upon and complement existing or already planned bilateral cooperation initiatives and activities.

ARTICLE 3

Scope

The Parties endeavour to encourage, facilitate and promote cooperation initiatives in jointly identified fields, including in the areas specified in Article 13.3 of the Free Trade Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

Cooperation on Sustainable Development

The Parties agree to cooperate in the area of sustainable development. Cooperation between competent authorities shall focus on exchange of information and experience, capacity building, seminars and workshops, as well as monitoring international developments in this area.

ARTICLE 5

Industrial Cooperation

1. The Parties agree to establish a Working Group on Cooperation in the Field of Watches and Clocks under the Switzerland-China Joint Commission on Trade.
2. The Working Group shall serve as a platform for the facilitation of bilateral trade and related services regarding watches and clocks, in particular by further enhancing the cooperation between the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry and the China Horologe Association.
3. For the purpose of paragraphs 1 and 2, China and Switzerland have signed the Memorandum of Understanding of the Switzerland-China Joint Commission on Trade on Establishing a Working Group on Cooperation regarding Watches and Clocks on 24 May 2013 in Bern. Industrial cooperation between China and Switzerland in the area of watches and clocks shall be carried out according to that Memorandum of Understanding.
4. The Parties agree to jointly examine possibilities for fostering industrial cooperation in other areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 6

Cooperation in the Area of Health

1. The Parties agree to encourage universities and research institutions of both sides to enhance their cooperation and joint research in the field of health care.
2. Competent authorities of both Parties – for Switzerland notably the Federal Office of Public Health and for China the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine – shall, through adequate means, foster concrete cooperation and exchanges relating to traditional Chinese medicine.
3. The Parties agree to encourage universities and research institutions of both sides to enhance their cooperation and joint research in the field of traditional Chinese medicine.

ARTICLE 7

Cooperation in the Area of Services Sectors

1. The Parties agree to deepen cooperation between their competent authorities with a view to examine the possibility of setting up a mechanism facilitating film coproduction.
2. The Parties agree to strengthen cooperation between their competent authorities in the field of tourism as well as encourage cooperation between private sector organisations in areas where competence and expertise lies with them.

ARTICLE 8

Cooperation on Agriculture

1. The Parties agree to facilitate the exchange of experience and capacity building in the field of agriculture, in particular regarding ecologically sound and sustainable production.
2. The Parties agree to strengthen their cooperation in the field of quality control of agricultural and food products.

ARTICLE 9

Cooperation on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine

1. The competent authorities of both Parties, for Switzerland notably the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products (Swissmedic) and for China the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) shall through adequate means foster bilateral cooperation and exchanges relating to regulation on medicines, including pharmaceuticals, biological products and traditional Chinese medicines.
2. Competent authorities of both Parties shall foster bilateral cooperation and exchanges relating to food safety through adequate means, including in the framework of international fora such as Codex Alimentarius, OIE, IPPC and the WTO Committee on SPS.
3. Competent authorities of both Parties shall conduct cooperation and bilateral exchanges relating to Good Laboratory Practices, Good Manufacturing Practices, risk assessment and safety management of industrial products, including chemicals.

ARTICLE 10

Cooperation on Intellectual Property Rights

Bilateral cooperation between competent authorities in the fields of innovation, protection, enforcement, management and use of intellectual property rights shall be further deepened. This cooperation shall include but not be limited to issues relating to copyright, as well as related rights, trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs, patents, plant varieties, layout-designs of integrated circuits, as well as undisclosed information.

ARTICLE 11

Implementation

The implementation of this Work Programme is governed by Article 13.8 of the Free Trade Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

Amendments

This Work Programme may be amended according to paragraph 3 of Article 13.8 of the Free Trade Agreement.

ARTICLE 13

Entry into Force

This Work Programme shall enter into force at the same time as the Free Trade Agreement and shall remain in force as long as the Free Trade Agreement remains in force.

Done at Beijing, this 6th day of July 2013, in two originals each in the English and Chinese language, each text being equally authentic. In case of divergences between the language versions, the English language version shall prevail.

For the Swiss Confederation

For the People's Republic of China

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