



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

COLLABORATION PROGRAM

BETWEEN

PLANT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

&

CROPLIFE ASIA

ON

PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABLE PESTICIDE

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

(Period 2023 – 2028)

Hanoi - 11th July, 2023

This is a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation, expressing the desire to cooperate between the Plant Protection Department (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) and the CropLife Asia to achieve common goals towards. "Sustainable Pesticides Management Framework" with its base and contents outlined below:

BASIS OF COOPERATION

The Plant Protection Department (*hereinafter referred to as PPD*) is a unit directly under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), performing the function of advising and assisting the Minister in state management and implementation. enforce the legal framework in the field of plant protection and quarantine, fertilizers, food safety of plant origin under the scope of state management of the Ministry according to the decentralization and authorization of the Minister.

CropLife Asia (*hereinafter referred to as CLA*) is the not-for-profit association and regional organization of CropLife International - representing the voice of the plant science industry. CropLife advocates for a safe and sustainable food industry, and aims to develop the application of scientific innovation in agriculture to ensure food security. CropLife Asia supports the activities of 15 associations across the continent and is led by 6 leading member corporations in the development of pesticides, seeds and/or biotechnology research and development. In Vietnam, CropLife and its members (Adama, BASF, Bayer, Corteva, FMC, Sumitomo, Syngenta, Summit Agro and UPL) are always committed to supporting and implementing long-term strategies to help more than 25 million farmers effectively apply scientific solutions in agricultural farming to promote growth, improve crop yields, produce high-quality agricultural products while minimizing negative impacts on the environment.

In the period of 2019 - 2023, PPD and CropLife Vietnam (*hereinafter referred to as CLV*), a member organization of CropLife Asia, signed and implemented a collaboration program on the management and use of advanced pesticide products and technologies in a sustainable and responsible way. Key elements of the collaboration program include: Support to complete, develop and implement a legal framework on pesticide management that is suitable to the new situation and domestic needs as well as harmonize with international recognized scientific standards; Promote and implement training programs on safe, effective and responsible use of pesticides for farmers, retailers and local officials; Propaganda and communication on the importance of advanced plant protection solutions; raise awareness of farmers and communities on the role of responsible use of pesticides.

PPD and CLV are also currently serving as Co-Chair of the PPP Working Group on Agrochemicals under the “Partnership for Sustainable Agricultural in Vietnam” (*hereinafter referred to as PSAV*) – a body under MARD.

Following the successes and achievements of the collaboration program in the 5-year period (2019 - 2023), the two Parties agreed to implement the cooperation program in the next 5-year period with a comprehensive approach, deeper and longer-term in order to support sustainable and responsible use of pesticides in Vietnam, promoting a systematic

transformation of management and use of pesticide solutions towards “**Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework**”.

The two Parties recognize the importance of cooperation for the purpose of optimizing resources and efficiency of activities in order to achieve the common goal of strengthening management capacity and policies, and innovating in terms of systems as well as encourage the practice of responsible use of pesticides to protect human health and the environment while promoting agricultural production to address the global triple challenge of climate change, biodiversity loss and food security

THEREFORE, the two Parties agree as follows:

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ARTICLE 1: SCOPE & CONTENT OF COLLABORATION

1. Promote the application of new and advanced solutions on plant protection through different formats including: organizing forums on innovations in agricultural inputs; building models and projects on transferring and applying biological pesticide solutions, new generation pesticide solutions to support green agricultural production and high-tech agriculture;
2. Establish a formal e-learning platform, expand the impact of training programs to change the behavior of farmers and retailers on trading and using pesticides responsibly;
3. Support the amendment of regulations on management of pesticide residues on crops/agricultural products in line with international standards and establish an online

tracking database on MRL to support the export of Vietnamese agricultural products to other large markets, especially on staple crops;

4. Technical and resource support to implement the effective transition to an e-system on pesticide registration and management, including: an online submission system; e-database of managing codes of crop cultivation regions;
5. Review and develop the science-based legal framework on crop protection management and usage that is harmonized with international standards.
6. Support capacity building and information sharing in the management, registration and production of new generation crop protection products; in the warning, risk assessment, and in the removal of pesticides with high risks of effects on human health, livestock, ecosystems and the environment.

ARTICLE 2: COORDINATION MECHANISM

1. Based on the above collaboration program and frameworks, the two Parties will develop a Joint plan of activities for each year depending on the actual requirements, capacity and wishes of each Party. The content, location, and funding for implementing collaboration activities will be specified in the “**Appendixes: Agreement of Collaboration**” which is agreed and signed annually. In which, the roles of the Parties are as follows:

The Plant Protection Department – MARD

- Coordinate and collaborate with CropLife Asia and CropLife Vietnam to develop a specific Joint Plan and Appendix of Agreement of Collaboration for each year based on the content of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- Develop a detailed outline for each activity that PPD undertake
- Coordinate and organize activities, seminars and conferences on pesticides and sustainable agriculture according to the agreed work plan and program
- Introduce and connect affiliated units and industry partners to support activities within the framework of the collaboration program
- Participate in monitoring and evaluation of cooperation activities, sharing information and reporting results of the collaboration program to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

CropLife Asia: Authorize and coordinate with CropLife Vietnam to continue collaborate with the Plant Protection Department and other stakeholders to implement the activities of this collaboration program in Vietnam

- Coordinate with PPD to develop specific Joint Plan and Appendix of Agreement of Collaboration for each year based on the content of this Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Develop a detailed outline for each activity that CLV undertake
 - Coordinate and organize activities, seminars and conferences on pesticides and sustainable agriculture according to the agreed work plan and program
 - Sponsor for activities within the framework of the cooperation program
 - Participate in monitoring and evaluation of cooperation activities, sharing information and reporting results of this collaboration program to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
2. Leaders of the two Parties direct their units and individuals to manage and implement the above-agreed contents. According to the collaboration plan and the content of each specific work area of each year, the two Parties will propose detailed working focal points in the Appendix.
 3. During the implementation process, if there are any problems, the two Parties will discuss to promptly supplement in order to best serve this cooperation program.
 4. During the implementation of collaboration activities, the two Parties shall jointly monitor to ensure that the set goals and plans are closely followed; and in parallel, having amendment if necessary in order to maximize the achievement of the program and the requirements of both Parties.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL TERMS

1. During the implementation process, if there are any problems, the two Parties will discuss to promptly supplement in order to best serve this cooperation program. The two Parties shall jointly monitor to ensure that the goals and plans are closely followed; in parallel, having amendment if necessary in order to maximize the achievement of the program and the requirements of both Parties.
2. The two Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding and the information related to the cooperation activities mentioned herein will be published by both Parties. Disclosures will be made in accordance with the disclosure and communication policies with the agreement of the both Parties.

ARTICLE 4: EFFECTIVE, AMENDMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is valid for 5 years from the date of signing, if not terminated earlier, until both Parties fulfill all obligations of this Memorandum of Understanding. The two Parties commit to fully implement the terms and contents signed in the Memorandum of Understanding

2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated at any time when one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing at least thirty (30) days.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented through a written agreement of the Parties. These amendments and supplements are an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and will come into force from the date determined by the Parties.
4. During the term of the Memorandum of Understanding, if either Party has a division, merger, joint venture, renaming, etc., the two Parties will negotiate and resolve.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Hanoi and on July 11, 2023 and made into two (02) copies with equal validity, each Party keeps one (01) copy for implementation./.

On behalf of Plant Protection Department

Deputy Director General



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On Behalf of CropLife Asia

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