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August 19, 2014

His Excellency  
Mr. Anatol Arapu  
Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Republic of Moldova

Dear Minister:

Re: Global Environment Facility Grant No.TF012145 (Agriculture Competitiveness Project)  
First Amendment to the Grant Agreement

We refer to the Grant Agreement between the Republic of Moldova (the "Recipient") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development acting as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility (the "Bank") dated May 28, 2012, with respect to the above-captioned Project (the "Agreement"). Capitalized terms used in this amendment letter and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Grant Agreement.

Pursuant to the letters dated May 13, 2014 from the His Excellency Iurie Leanca, Prime Minister of Moldova and June 18, 2014 from Mr. Ion Sula, Director General of the Food Safety Agency, as well as the recent discussions between the representatives of the Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, Food Safety Agency and the Bank's team, requesting the Bank to amend the Agreement, we are pleased to inform you that the Bank agrees to amend the terms of the Agreement as follows:

4. Part A.1 of Schedule I to the Agreement is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

"A.1 Providing regulatory and institutional support to the Recipient for enhancing the food safety management system through:

(i) supporting the process of legislative harmonization of the national legislation with the relevant EU regulations;

(ii) strengthening the institutional capacity of MAFI and the Food Safety Agency (FSA) through: (a) staff training; and (b) support for increasing awareness of relevant private entities regarding the application of the new food safety legislation.

(iii) developing methodological and analytical work for soil quality and land degradation risk-assessment, land quality certification, and standard setting to ensure that best soil management practices are integrated in the policy and regulatory framework for food safety management.”

5. Part A.2 of Schedule 1 to the Agreement is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

“A.2 Providing technical enhancements support to the Recipient for the food safety management through:

(i) rehabilitation of the designated building facility for the FSA; procurement of office, communication and computing equipment for the building; and design of an integrated IT system for the interoperability of various FSA divisions.

(ii) strengthening of animal and plant health and food safety laboratory network and Border Inspection Points (BIPs) through:

(a) rehabilitation of two (2) central reference laboratories for: (i) animal health and food safety for products of animal origin, and (ii) food safety for products of vegetable origin; and

(b) rehabilitation of four (4) BIPs, namely: on the Eastern border (Tudora); on the Southern border (Giurgiulesti); on the Northern border (Criva) and on the Western border (Leuseni).

6. Section I of the Appendix is hereby amended as follows:

The following definitions are amended and replaced in their entirety to read as follows:

““EMF means Environmental Management Framework prepared by the Recipient for the benefit of the Project based, *inter alia*, on the analysis of both the Recipient’s legislation and guidelines; and the World Bank safeguard policies, that outlines environmental assessment procedures and mitigation requirements for the Project’s activities and Sub-projects and provides details on procedures, criteria and responsibilities for Sub-projects screening, including EIAs and EMPs guidelines and checklist, and guidelines for chance findings of physical cultural property.”

“FSA” means the Recipient’s Food Safety Agency established pursuant to the Government’s Decision No. 51 dated January 16, 2013 as amended by Government Decision No. 235 dated April 4, 2013 and No.415 dated June 21, 2013.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment by signing and dating this letter in the spaces provided below. All other provisions of the Agreement, except as amended through this letter shall remain in full force and effect. This amendment letter shall be executed in two counterparts each of which shall be an original.

Upon confirmation, please return one fully executed original to us. The provisions set forth in this amendment letter shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Please also note that the restructuring paper dated July 17, 2014 will be disclosed on the Bank's external website as per the Bank's policy on Access to Information.

Very truly yours,

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

By Carolina Odobescu,



Acting Country Manager  
Moldova

AGREED:

**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

By: M. Caraus  
Authorized Representative

Name: MARIA CARAUS

Title: DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Date: AUGUST 20, 2014