

**法規名稱：**AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

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The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines being desirous of further strengthening friendly bilateral relations and promoting technical cooperation, have agreed through their respective representatives upon the following articles:

#### ARTICLE 1

Project objectives:

- A.Study on a limited basis techniques for intensive cultivation on small farms with lower-intermediate capital input to ensure the maximum production of crops and livestock, and other related new projects (such as aquaculture, food processing and greenhouse agricultural production) as agreed upon by both Parties, to reduce the need for related imports.
- B.Introduce new measures for soil and water conservation, as well as crop rotation systems, to enhance land fertility and productivity.
- C.Achieve a level of production that ensures adequate nutrition throughout the year and provides a marketable surplus to supplement income.
- D.Demonstrate how objectives A-C can be achieved.
- E.Build a modern agricultural sector through the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and
- F.Introduce measures to address and facilitate the marketing and distribution of agricultural commodities.

#### ARTICLE 2

The project includes:

- A.Research:

- 1.Determine how climate and soil conditions may be used advantageously to provide the best results under a year-round production system.
- 2.Adopt selected varieties of crops and continue searching for better strains.
- 3.Develop a system of record-keeping and farm production analysis for general application on small farms.
- 4.Test available small-farm implements (both hand-operated and powered) to determine the most suitable for local use.

B.Training:

- 1.Technicians from the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will train farmers, and related associations involved in the project, in new techniques.
- 2.The two Parties will cooperate on the production of educational materials.

C. Reporting:

- 1.Reports and evaluations will be made seasonally, but no information will be released unless previously cleared by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 2.Complete records on inputs and output will be kept to ascertain the economic viability of farm operations.

D.Marketing and Distribution

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) agrees to designate an expert to work with the Ministry of Agriculture and the public and private sector marketing and distribution agencies of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines so as to install a coordinated system for the production, collection, grading, packaging, marketing and distribution of agricultural commodities.

ARTICLE 3

- A.Both parties agree to the continuity of the Technical Mission, which will be composed of various agricultural experts and technicians according to the project's needs.
- B.In the event that the aforementioned technicians cannot continue to perform their duties, the Government of the

Republic of China (Taiwan) shall replace them with new technicians.

- C.The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall defray the travel costs of the Technical Mission members to and from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and assume responsibility for their salaries during their period of service.
- D.The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall exempt the aforementioned salaries from all resident and local taxes. Those personal and household effects of the Technical Mission members imported within one year of their arrival will also be exempt from all customs duties, taxes and other charges. The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall also provide convenience to the Technical Mission members and their dependants on their entry and exit during their period of service in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Technical Mission shall be allowed to import and export automobiles, for use by personnel and family, free of all customs duties, taxes and other charges.
- Should the aforementioned automobiles be disposed of within four years of the granting of this concession, they will be subject to the relevant custom duties, taxes and other charges. The members of the Technical Mission shall be allowed to apply for a CD license plate for their vehicles.

#### ARTICLE 4

- A.The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall provide the Technical Mission with the necessary agricultural implements and seeds available in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and ship them to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- B.After the said agricultural implements and seeds have arrived at port in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall exempt them from customs duties, taxes and other charges. The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall pay the warehousing, wharfage and other related expenses, as well as assume

responsibility for transporting them locally.

C.The abovementioned agricultural implements shall be donated to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines after the project is completed, or after the Technical Mission's period of service comes to an end.

#### ARTICLE 5

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall provide the Technical Mission with demonstration farms, assistant experts, office facilities and related services, as well as necessary agricultural equipment/tools and seeds not available in the Republic of China (Taiwan), such as fertilizers and pesticides. The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall also supply furnished housing for the members of the Technical Mission and transportation for their official duties.

#### ARTICLE 6

All produce from the demonstration farms, except the portion required for personal consumption by members of the Technical Mission and for planting, shall be delivered to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which will either distribute the produce, including seedlings and fruit, for sale to local farmers at a minimal cost or sell it to the general public. Sales earnings will be deposited in a type of revolving fund to be managed jointly by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Technical Mission, and used to support this technical cooperation program.

#### ARTICLE 7

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall appoint a liaison officer to render the Technical Mission all necessary assistance.

#### ARTICLE 8

The period of service of the Technical Mission in Saint Vincent

and the Grenadines shall be in accordance with the estimated time needed to complete the projects and calculated from the date of the Technical Mission's arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The period may be extended via written agreement between the two Parties before the allotted time expires.

#### ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of its signature.

This Agreement shall be valid for a period of three years and shall be extended automatically for an equivalent period until either Party expresses in written form its desire to terminate the Agreement six months prior to its expiration.

This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by the mutual consent of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, with both texts being equally authentic, at Kingstown, Saint Vincent and Grenadines on the twenty-third day of the fourth month of the ninety-eighth year of the Republic of China (Taiwan), which corresponds to the twenty-third day of the fourth month of the year two thousand and ninth in the Gregorian calendar.

For the Government of the  
Republic of China (Taiwan)

For the Government of Saint  
Vincent and the Grenadines

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Hon. Montgomery Daniel  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
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