

法規名稱：(終)AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

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The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the government of Saint Lucia (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), being desirous of further strengthening their friendly relations and promoting technical cooperation in the field of agriculture, have agreed through their respective representatives upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

The objectives of the project are:

- (1) To study the techniques of intensive cultivation on small farms using relatively low capital inputs to ensure maximum production of vegetables, aquaculture, flowers, fruits, and livestock, thereby reducing imports.
- (2) To introduce new measures of soil and water conservation and a system of crop rotation to improve the fertility and productivity of land.
- (3) To achieve a level of production that ensures an adequate level of nutrition throughout the year, and a marketable surplus to supplement income.
- (4) To demonstrate how objectives 1 to 3 can be achieved.
- (5) To engage in any other items and areas of technical cooperation in agriculture projects agreed by the parties.

ARTICLE 2

The project includes:

- (1) Research to:
 - (a) Determine how the climate and soil conditions may be best used to obtain the highest yields under a year-round production system.
 - (b) Carefully select varieties and continually improve selection.
 - (c) Introduce technology geared toward improving crop storage and livestock raising programs.

- (d) Develop a system of record-keeping and farm production analysis for general application on small farms.
 - (e) Use available small farm machinery (hand-and power-operated) in order to determine the most suitable for local use.
 - (f) Demonstrate the use of locally grown products in agro-processing.
- (2) Training:
- (a) Technicians from both the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Saint Lucia shall train farmers and other farmer groups involved in the project in new techniques.
 - (b) The Parties shall cooperate in the production of educational materials.
- (3) Reporting and Evaluation:
- (a) Reporting and evaluation shall be carried out periodically. No information shall be released unless previously cleared by the host government.
 - (b) Complete records on inputs and outputs shall be kept to ascertain the economic viability of the farm operations.

ARTICLE 3

- (1) The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) agrees to set up in St. Lucia a technical mission composed of various expert technicians required for the agricultural projects involved.
- (2) The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall defray the traveling costs and expenses of the technical mission to and from Saint Lucia and shall pay their salaries during the period of their services in Saint Lucia.
- (3) The government of Saint Lucia shall exempt the aforementioned salaries from all resident and local taxes, and shall exempt personal and household effects of the members of the technical mission, imported within one year of their arrival into the State, from all customs duties, taxes and other charges, and shall accord the members of the technical mission and their dependants the necessary

conveniences for their entry into and departure from Saint Lucia during the period of their service;

- (4) The automobiles imported and exported by the technical mission for personal and family use shall be exempt from all customs duties, taxes and other charges. Such automobiles, if disposed of within three years of the grant of this concession, shall be subject to relevant customs duties, taxes and other charges. All vehicles belonging to the technical mission shall be allowed to display diplomatic license plates.

ARTICLE 4

- (1) The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall provide the technical mission with all necessary farm implements and seeds available in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and ship them to Saint Lucia;
- (2) Upon arrival of the said farm implements and seeds in Saint Lucia, the government of Saint Lucia shall exempt them from customs duties, taxes and other charges, shall pay warehousing costs and charges, as well as other related expenses, and shall be responsible for transporting them to their points of use.

ARTICLE 5

- (1) The government of Saint Lucia shall provide the technical mission with demonstration farms, assistant technicians, office accommodation and services, as well as those necessary farming implements and seeds that are not produced in the Republic of China (Taiwan);
- (2) The government of Saint Lucia shall provide housing subsidies of up to EC\$2,000/month for each member of the technical mission.

ARTICLE 6

All produce of the demonstration farms, except the portion required for personal consumption by members of the technical mission and for reserve seed, shall be sold. The produce, including seedlings, fruits and so forth, may be promoted by

selling it at minimal cost to farmers and the general public. The proceeds shall be deposited in a special revolving fund account managed jointly by the Parties to cover expenditures related to the technical cooperation projects.

ARTICLE 7

The government of Saint Lucia shall appoint a liaison officer to render the technical mission all necessary assistance.

ARTICLE 8

The period of service of the technical mission shall begin from the date of its arrival in Saint Lucia and shall be set according to project requirements. This period may be extended by written agreement between the Parties before its expiration.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of its signature and remain valid for a period of three years. The Parties shall evaluate the results of the projects six months prior to expiration. The Agreement shall be extended automatically for a period of three years each time, unless the Parties agree to terminate or revise it.

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, both texts being equally authentic, at, on the thirteenth day of the June month of the ninety-seventh year of the Republic of China (Taiwan), corresponding to the day of the month of the year two thousand and eight in the Gregorian calendar.

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