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and
MEXICO**

**Agreement on animal health. Signed at Mexico City on
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Registered by Brazil on 13 March 1978.*

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[TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES ON ANIMAL HEALTH

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United Mexican States,

Noting that Brazil has been increasing its exports of cattle on the hoof and of semen to a number of countries;

Taking into account the fact that the technological and the hygiene and health standards of the artificial insemination centres of Brazil fully meet animal health requirements under international regulations;

Aware that breeding animals used for the collection of semen are periodically subjected in Brazil to laboratory tests to prevent the occurrence of pathogenic agents transmissible through the semen;

Considering that the establishment of machinery for co-operation will serve to regulate the trade between the two countries and ensure that it is governed by recognized international norms;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Brazilian Government, with a view to facilitating the development of trade in bovine semen from Brazil to Mexico, undertakes to:

- (a) Select, together with technicians designated for the purpose by the competent Mexican authorities, the Brazilian artificial insemination centres that are to be especially accredited to export semen to Mexico;
- (b) Perform laboratory tests to ensure the sanitary and technological quality of the sperm substance;
- (c) Assist the Mexican technicians in the zootechnical selection of donor bulls;
- (d) Provide the Mexican technicians with the assistance needed for supervising all stages of export operations.

Article II. The Mexican Government undertakes to send veterinarians to Brazil to work jointly with Brazilian technicians to plan a system for exporting semen and to supervise all stages of export operations.

Article III. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for five years, and may be renewed for further five-year periods unless one of the Parties gives the other at least six months' notice of its decision to the contrary.

¹ Came into force on 18 January 1978 by signature, in accordance with article III.

SIGNED at Mexico City on 18 January 1978, in duplicate originals in the Portuguese and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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