

January 2025

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (the Agreement) between the United Arab Emirates (the UAE) and New Zealand (jointly referred to as “the Parties”), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached by the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the United Arab Emirates:

1. Antimicrobial Resistance

- (a) The Parties recognise that Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a serious threat to human and animal health.
- (b) The Parties shall, in accordance with the One Health approach, cooperate and facilitate the exchange of information, including with respect to regulations, guidelines, national plans, standards, expertise and experiences in the field of AMR, and identify common views, interests, priorities, and policies in that area.
- (c) The Parties acknowledge that:
 - i) their respective antimicrobial regulatory standards, guidelines and surveillance systems are designed to deliver comparable controls and health outcomes;
 - ii) antimicrobial agents that are critical to human and animal treatment and health are a core focus of their respective AMR strategies; and
 - iii) initiatives are taken on both sides, within their respective strategies and policies, to promote the phasing out of the use of antibiotic agents as growth promoters, in particular those of medical importance, and to reduce the use of antimicrobial agents in animal production.
- (d) Furthermore, the Parties may:
 - i) cooperate in relevant international fora on the development of future codes, guidelines, standards, recommendations and initiatives on AMR;
 - ii) cooperate on international action plans, especially with regard to responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in order to combat AMR more effectively; and
 - iii) within the context of their respective strategies and policies, support the implementation of agreed international action plans and strategies on AMR.
- (e) Any regulations, guidelines, strategic plans, standards, and other initiatives of a Party regarding AMR shall not be used to create or implement measures affecting trade unless those measures are consistent with the WTO SPS Agreement and

relevant provisions of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Chapter of the Agreement.

- (f) The Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Sub-Committee, established pursuant to Article 19.4(c) of the Agreement, may establish a technical working group on AMR.

2. Contractual Service Suppliers

Within twelve months from the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall conduct a review to consider the inclusion of contractual services suppliers in their Schedules of Specific Commitments, and shall negotiate in good faith the terms and conditions of any such inclusion.

3. Self-Certification

- (a) Further to the Rules of Origin chapter, the Parties agree that:
 - i) if, after entry into force of the Agreement, the UAE implements self-certification under a future free trade agreement with a non-Party, this shall also be provided to New Zealand under the Agreement; or
 - ii) if the UAE has not introduced self-certification for any non-Party within five years of entry into force of the Agreement, the Joint Committee will review the adoption of self-certification under the Agreement.
- (b) The Parties agree that introducing self-certification for New Zealand under subparagraph (a) will involve modifying and/or introducing articles, as required, in the Rules of Origin chapter of the Agreement.
- (c) The Parties agree that any implementation of self-certification shall be done in accordance with Article 22.2 (Amendments) of the Agreement.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the day of entry into force of the Agreement as between the United Arab Emirates and New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,

For the Government of New Zealand

January 2025

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

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I have the further honour to confirm that your letter and this letter in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the New Zealand and the Government of the United Arab Emirates which shall enter into force on the day of entry into force of the Agreement as between the United Arab Emirates and New Zealand.

For the Government of the United Arab Emirates