

Excerpt of Draft Explanation concerning Cross-Strait Food Safety Agreement

— The Results of the Second Chiang-Chen Meeting (Food Safety)

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The main content of the Cross-Strait Food Safety Agreement signed between the SEF and ARATS on November 4 is as follows:

1. Prompt notification of major incidents

The two sides agree to notify each other of information concerning cross-strait trade food safety, and to carry out prompt notification of major food safety information and suddenly arising incidents affecting the health of people across the Taiwan Strait.

2. Coordination mechanism for appropriate handling

The two sides agree to establish a mechanism for coordinating the handling of major cross-strait food safety incidents, and will adopt eight main measures for the appropriate handling of relevant cases as follows:

- (1) Holding emergency discussions, and exchanging relevant information.
- (2) Suspending the production and export of the products concerned.
- (3) Promptly removing from sale and recalling the products concerned.
- (4) Providing facilitation for field inquiry.
- (5) Verifying and announcing information, and informing each other.
- (6) Providing analysis of the cause of incidents and plans for improvement.
- (7) Pressing responsible parties to properly handle disputes, and

providing active assistance to safeguard the rights and interests of injured parties.

- (8) Promptly notifying each other of the status of investigation into pertinent responsibility.

3. Expert meetings and work contacts

The two sides agree to establish a system of regular meetings and mutual visits of experts from the competent authorities on each side, to conduct work contacts and information exchange on each other's food safety laws and regulations, inspection techniques, and regulatory measures.