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Dear Ms. Synowiec and Dr. Van Goethem,

SUBJECT: Export certificates for animals, plants and their products

Canada would like to thank you for your response letter received on April 27th, 2020. The additional information was instrumental in finalizing our temporary internal processes for accepting scanned copies of certificates for export and import between Canada and the EU, while maintaining our respective regulatory objectives.

Canada wishes to re-iterate our appreciation for the European Union's collaboration in ensuring trade remains uninterrupted during the global COVID-19 pandemic through the acceptance of scanned export certificates and their annexes.

I would like to inform the European Commission that we have amended our processes and are ready to adopt the required reciprocal measures for consignments originating from the EU.

For imports to Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) can begin receiving scanned copies of export certificates from the EU through the below addresses:

- For Public Health certificates (for meat and meat products, and processed eggs):
cfia.foodimport-alimentsimportes.acia@canada.ca
- For Animal Health certificates (for live animals and germplasm):
cfia.terrestrialliveanimalandgermplasmimportcertificates-certificatsdimportationanimauxvivantsterrestresetgenetique.acia@canada.ca

For imports of plants, plant products, aquatic animals and germplasm, animal products and animal by-products, the Canadian importer or broker can submit a scanned copy of the certificate to the CFIA's National Import Service Centre. For aquatic animal products, Canadian importers and brokers are already submitting documentation for electronic approval. It is expected that the National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) would inform the CFIA if they make any modifications to their standard phytosanitary certificate for the purposes of enhancing legibility of scanned copies or as a security feature.

In order to validate the certificates issued by the EU Member States, it will be necessary for additional CFIA officers to have access to the TRACES system. As per recent communication with the TRACES team, we will send a request with the names and e-mail addresses of the officers to the TRACES help desk (SANTE-TRACES@ec.europa.eu).

For exports to the EU, the CFIA will be sending scanned copies of original export certificates, to the mailbox belonging to the Border Control Point (BCP) at the point of entry in the EU using the below addresses to disseminate the scanned certificates:

- For Public Health certificates (food for human consumption; including products of animal origin for human consumption):
cfia.foodexportcertificates-certificatsdexportationdesaliments.acia@canada.ca
- For Animal Health certificates (for live animals and germplasm, live aquatic and aquatic germplasm, aquatic and animal products/by-products not for human consumption):
cfia.animalexportcertificates-acia.certificatsdexportationsdesanimaux@canada.ca
- For Phytosanitary certificates (plants and plant products including horticulture, grains, oilseeds, forestry and other regulated articles):
cfia.phyto.acia@canada.ca

For the duration of this pandemic, if verification of authenticity is required of scanned Public Health certificates or Animal Health certificates issued by the CFIA, please email the appropriate above email addresses depending on the commodity and the certificate in question. For verifying the authenticity of scanned phytosanitary certificates issued by the CFIA, please email the Canadian International Plant Protection Convention Contact Point at cfia.ippc.acia@canada.ca.

Canada will take the necessary steps to ensure that original export certificates accompany consignments as much as feasible, and will only rely on sending scanned certificates when absolutely necessary. The original documentation would follow at a later stage, as required.

I want to thank you again for providing alternative options to alleviate challenges brought upon by the global COVID-19 situation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,



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