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**For the attention of the Competent Authorities
of the Member States of the European Union**

*Ref. to: letter No. Ares(2020)1726224-24/02/2020 from DG SANTE and joint letter from DG SANTE
and DG TRADE dated with 24 March 2020*

Dear Sir/Madamme,

The National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova would like to present its highest considerations and to refer to the following.

The Moldovan exporters of animals, plants and food products experienced recently some difficulties in providing to the Border Inspection Posts of the European Union's Member States the original paper certificates issued by Competent Authorities from the Republic of Moldova. This is due to flight restrictions or other constraints in courier services in the context of COVID-19 pandemics. As advised by the specialized services of the European Commission, the National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova kindly asks you to accept scanned the copies of the original paper certificates when it is not possible to present them via TRACES or as the originals and provided that the original form follows at the later stage.

In our turn, we continue to accept health certificates through TRACES platform. If this is not possible, our Border Inspection Posts are ready to receive the health certificates as a scanned document (when it is not possible to present the originals) which should be provided from your official e-mail address on the following e-mail address: alexandru.donica@ansa.gov.md, and it should be provided that the original form follows at the later stage.

We would like to underline that this should be a temporary working solution in the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova is looking forward to contribute to diminishing any disruptions in international trade in the context of current COVID-19 pandemic crises.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director General

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