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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Director General

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Your Excellency,

Subject: Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 on an increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin - Review of Annex I

Regulation (EC) No 669/2009¹ sets out EU requirements concerning import controls to be carried out by EU Member States' competent authorities on feed and food of non-animal origin. These rules require EU Member States to perform a uniform level of border controls on certain imports as listed in Annex I to the above mentioned Regulation. The list of concerned feed and food is subject to review on a quarterly basis, so as to reflect the most recent data available concerning the risks identified.

Annex I currently features a few fruits and vegetables originating from your country, namely a) **bananas** subject to 10% control frequency, b) **mangos, yard long beans, melon bitter, lauki, peppers, aubergines** subject to 50% control frequency. All these commodities are listed for the risk of presence of **pesticide residues**.

Following the first review of Annex I, including the results of the reports on the checks performed by EU Member States in the first application quarter of the Regulation (January-March 2010) and the update of other relevant information, I am pleased to inform you that **de-listing** from Annex I of **bananas** is currently being considered. No changes are foreseen at this stage for the other products that are presently on the list.

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¹ OJ L194, 25.7.2009, p.11

The above proposal, alongside other amendments to Annex I which are required at this stage, will be discussed with EU Member States in the coming days. You will be informed in due time of the outcome of such a discussion.

Should you require more information concerning Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 and/or the measures specifically affecting your country, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Ms Carmen Garau (Carmen.Garau@ec.europa.eu, tel. +32 (0) 2 29 58 937), Head of the Enforcement Unit or Mr Paul van Geldorp (Paul.Van-Geldorp@ec.europa.eu, tel. +32 (0) 2 29 50 513), Head of International Questions Unit in this Directorate-General. Both of them will be available to address your concerns and arrange a meeting with you if needed.

Yours faithfully,



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