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Dear Mr. Scannell,

I would like to inform that based on the operational conclusions, as well as aiming at enhancing the co-operation in the SPS area between the EU and Armenia and reducing administrative burden related to the bilateral trade, thirteen bilateral EU-Armenia veterinary certificates for export from the EU to Armenia have been initialized (see attached), which are identical to the EU-Kazakhstan certificates.

The agreed bilateral EU-Armenia veterinary certificates will enter into force, without the need to further notice by any Party and the EU Member States can start to issue the agreed bilateral EU-Armenia certificates for export to Armenia from the day when EU-Armenia Framework agreement is signed. During a six-month period following the signature of the Agreement the documents currently in place for the bilateral trade between Armenia and individual EU Member States shall apply.

Please also be informed that the export from the EU to Armenia is also authorized with Joint EEU certificates, bilateral EU-Russia and EU-Customs Union certificates and that the transit to Armenia via other EEU Member territory is authorized with Joint EEU certificates, bilateral EU-Russia and EU-Customs Union certificates.

As requested, please find below the main principles for the EU establishment authorization for export to Armenia:

- any EU establishment currently listed in the EEU third country register (joint register) of any EEU member country (Armenia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Russian Federation and Kyrgyzstan) is eligible to export to Armenia (ref. Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission N 94, of October 9, 2014, Decision N 317, and the Agreement on EEU).
- new EU establishments can be authorized for export to Armenia according to the procedure laid down in the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission N 94, of October 9, 2014. There are three mechanisms through which new EU export establishments can get access to the EEU Member countries, including Armenia: 1) audit, inspection and



- monitoring of an official system of control of the exporting country (equivalence), 2) Competent authority guarantees of the exporting country 3) inspection of an establishment.

If an audit of an official system of control of the exporting country was carried out successfully, the inclusion of establishments in the Armenian part of the EEU third country register shall be made in accordance with the list presented by the competent authority of the exporting country (point 7 of Decision 94).

When an audit of an official system of control of the exporting country:

- was not carried out or it was not completed; or
- based on the audit's results it was not considered sufficient of providing a level of protection at least equivalent to the level of protection set by the requirements of the Customs Union;

a EEU Member (in this case Armenia), based on the results of a joint EEU inspection receives an agreement from all other EEU Members to include an establishment of the exporting country in the Armenian part of the EEU third country register based on guarantees provided by the competent authority of the exporting country upon the request to include in the register (point 8 of Decision 94).

Yours sincerely,



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