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SPS-RELATED GOVERNMENT AGENCY CHANGES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The following communication, received on 23 April 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea.

1. The Republic of Korea is changing its SPS-related functions within and among government agencies.
2. There was a reshuffling of Korean government agencies dealing with issues related to the SPS Agreement on 23 March 2013. Certain functions and responsibilities of those agencies have also changed.
 - The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) now has a role in animal health and phytosanitary functions including import quarantine measures for animals, livestock products and plants; and laboratory tests and import quarantine-inspections for animal, livestock products and plants.
 - The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) now has a role in food safety including laboratory tests and import inspections for chemicals and veterinary drug residues in both domestic and imported products such as foods of plant origin, beef, pork, poultry meat, and fishery products.
 - The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) now has a role in aquatic health control including import quarantine measures as well as the safety of export fishery products.
3. The new acronyms of the Ministries are as follows and their certificates will be changed in due course:
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is MAFRA;
 - Ministry of Food and Drug Safety is MFDS;
 - Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries is MOF.
4. The names and acronyms of the Ministries will be phased in over time. Brands, official seals and logos, etc. used on official certificates will be updated as soon as possible by the competent authorities.
5. The relevant enquiry points have been changed as follows:

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Animal and plant health including import quarantine measures for animal, livestock products and plants:

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E-mail/Internet: wtoagri@korea.kr
Website: <http://www.mafra.go.kr>

Food (excluding feed) Safety including foods of plant, animal and aquatic origin:
International Cooperation Office
Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
Osong Health Technology Administration Complex
187, Osongsaengmyeong 2-ro
Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun
Chungcheongbuk-do, 363-700
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Telefax: + (8243) 719 1550
E-mail/Internet: wtokfda@korea.kr
Website: <http://www.mfds.go.kr>

Aquatic health including import quarantine measures for fishery products and safety for
exporting fishery products:

Division of International Commerce and Trade
Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
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6. The Korean SPS-related authorities will continue to deal with the same level of services domestically and overseas.
