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COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 26 June 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

1. SANIPES is a specialized technical agency attached to the Ministry of Production, which seeks to promote the growth and sustainable development of the production and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products and resources, in accordance with international standards, and to protect life and public health. The creation of SANIPES, in 2013, strengthened the fisheries health authority, enhancing its technical and scientific competitiveness.

2. SANIPES is authorized to investigate, regulate, supervise and monitor fishery and aquaculture activities, and the feedstuffs, additives and veterinary products used at the various stages of the aquaculture process, with a view to ensuring the safety and health of hydrobiological resources. Its duties cover aspects such as inspection, sampling, testing and official health certification.

3. With regard to trade in fisheries products, SANIPES is the Peruvian authority that manages the international equivalence of sanitary regulations with a view to ensuring recognition by countries with which fishery products are traded. It is also responsible for issuing official health certificates for Peruvian exports of fishery and aquaculture products, and for the authorization and registration of fishery and aquaculture establishments.

4. At international level, SANIPES participates in sanitary and phytosanitary committees in areas relating to fisheries and aquaculture, as well as in the Codex Alimentarius Commission in the areas of fishery products and food hygiene.

5. SANIPES currently enjoys budgetary, technical and scientific autonomy. Its headquarters are based in Lima and it has ten branch offices throughout the country. It conducts its functions and activities through its four senior bodies:

- Sanitary Regulation Directorate: responsible for designing and conducting scientific research and for formulating and proposing sanitary regulations for the fisheries and aquaculture sector and sanitary guidelines and strategies.
- Supervision and Monitoring Directorate: responsible for establishing, directing and conducting supervision activities and for verifying compliance with sanitary regulations.
- Authorization and Certification Directorate: responsible for assessing applications and compliance with requirements and for issuing authorization documents, health certificates and sanitary registration.
- Penalty Directorate: responsible for investigation and issuing a ruling at first instance in administrative disciplinary proceedings initiated due to non-compliance with sanitary regulations.

6. For any further information regarding SANIPES activities, please visit the agency's official website at <http://www.sanipes.gob.pe> or email diana.garcia@sanipes.gob.pe and alfredo.casado@sanipes.gob.pe.
