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**MEASURES CONCERNING SANITARY CERTIFICATES FOR HYDROBIOLOGICAL
RESOURCES AND PRODUCTS AIMED AT THE FACILITATION OF TRADE
IN VIEW OF ISSUES ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, dated 5 June 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

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1. As the spread of COVID-19 poses a global health issue, air transport restrictions have been applied, affecting courier services used to send sanitary certificates and other international trade documents, thereby delaying the paperwork of Peruvian exporters and importers.
 2. In order to optimize international trade in hydrobiological products and resources under the current circumstances, the National Fisheries Health Service of Peru (SANIPES) will issue "sanitary certificates with digital signature" with the following security measures: digital signatures guaranteed by the Peruvian Government and QR/CUVE codes to verify the legitimacy of the documents immediately.
 3. The legitimacy of sanitary certificates with digital signature issued by SANIPES can be verified on the official website for SANIPES at http://app02.sanipes.gob.pe:8089/Publico/Consulta_Documento.
 4. For Peruvian imports of hydrobiological resources and products, the submission of paper certificates may be exempted, provided that a validation mechanism is used. To be eligible for an exemption, interested parties must contact SANIPES in advance at the following email address: dhcpa@sanipes.gob.pe.
 5. As mentioned above, Peru urges countries to apply reciprocal measures for the acceptance of sanitary certificates with digital signature.
 6. SANIPES will continue implementing the necessary measures to safeguard public health and facilitate trade in hydrobiological products and resources.
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