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NEW VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE FORMATS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

The following communication, received on 30 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

1. The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to inform WTO Members that from 1 December 2022, the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ), Council of Agriculture (COA) will start to use the following new veterinary and phytosanitary certificate formats for export from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu:

- a. Veterinary Certificate for Export of Live Animals;
- b. Veterinary Certificate for Export of Animal Products;
- c. Phytosanitary Certificate for Export;
- d. Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-Export.

2. The new formats include unique Quick Responses code (QR code) on the top left side of the certificates, which allow the competent authorities to validate the certificates online along with the validation of the authenticity of certificates.

3. The new certificate formats are published in the BAPHIQ's official website (<https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/ws.php?id=7357>), which include the technical specifications of the certificate papers.
