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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**ONLINE FACILITIES RELATING TO OFFICIAL SANITARY CERTIFICATES FOR  
FOOD EXPORTS, FREE SALE CERTIFICATES FOR FOODSTUFFS AND  
SANITARY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FOOD ADDITIVES, FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF REVIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 10 July 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

1. The COVID-19 pandemic represents a worldwide sanitary problem that has resulted in the adoption of restrictions on air transport, which are affecting courier services used for the dispatch of sanitary certificates or other international trade documents, thereby delaying export and import formalities.

2. In this regard, in order to optimize the exportation of industrially processed foods<sup>1</sup>, the Directorate-General of Environmental Health and Food Safety of Peru (DIGESA) notifies WTO Members of the implementation of digital media to verify the authenticity of official sanitary certificates for food exports, free marketing certificates for food and beverages (or free sale certificates), and also authorizations for food additives, issued by this body:

a. With regard to **official sanitary certificates for food exports**, their authenticity can be verified via:

i. The Single Window for Foreign Trade (VUCE) at the following web address: [https://www.vuce.gob.pe/Paginas/consulta\\_DR.aspx](https://www.vuce.gob.pe/Paginas/consulta_DR.aspx).

For this purpose, the number of the decision document (Spanish abbreviation: DR) and the exporting company's single taxpayer registration number (Spanish abbreviation: RUC) must be indicated. Both codes are provided in the decision document summary sheet, which is issued together with the certificates referred to above. Peruvian exporters can thus provide this information where requested to do so by the health authority of the destination country.

ii. The DIGESA webpage using the following link: <http://www.digesa.minsa.gob.pe/Expedientes/BusquedaCS.aspx>.

In these cases, possible search criteria include any given country, company, product, certificate or RUC.

<sup>1</sup> Except fishery and aquiculture products.

- b. With regard to **free marketing certificates for food and beverages** (or free sale certificates), their authenticity can be verified via:
    - i. The Single Window for Foreign Trade (VUCE) at the following web address: [https://www.vuce.gob.pe/Paginas/consulta\\_DR.aspx](https://www.vuce.gob.pe/Paginas/consulta_DR.aspx). For this purpose, the number of the decision document (Spanish abbreviation: DR) and the exporting company's single taxpayer registration number (Spanish abbreviation: RUC) must be indicated. Both codes are provided in the decision document summary sheet, which is issued together with the certificates referred to above. Peruvian exporters can thus provide this information where requested to do so by the health authority of the destination country.
  - c. With regard to **authorizations for food additives**, their authenticity may be verified via:
    - ii. The DIGESA webpage using the following link: <http://www.digesa.minsa.gob.pe/Expedientes/BusquedaAS.aspx>. In these cases, possible search criteria include any given country, company, product, certificate or RUC.
  - d. Similarly, the authenticity of the above-mentioned certificates can also be verified by email: [digesaconsul@minsa.gob.pe](mailto:digesaconsul@minsa.gob.pe).
3. If the institution of the country of origin that issues **free marketing certificates for food and beverages** (or free sale certificates) is not on the list of competent authorities recognized by DIGESA, enquiries can be made in electronic form by email: [digesaconsul@minsa.gob.pe](mailto:digesaconsul@minsa.gob.pe).
4. In accordance with the above, Peru urges WTO Members to bring this communication to the attention of their health authorities having competence for food imports.
5. La Directorate-General of Environmental Health and Food Safety of Peru (DIGESA) will continue to take the necessary measures for the revival of the trade in foodstuffs within its competence.
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