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**TRADE FACILITATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
ONLINE VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES OF FREE SALE**

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, dated 4 May 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

1. The Ecuadorian Government wishes to inform Members that, in the context of the global COVID-19 health emergency, in order to prevent the spread of the virus and optimize foreign trade procedures, it has established the following online resources to enable WTO Members to verify Certificates of Free Sale.

2. The National Agency for Sanitary Regulation, Control and Surveillance has posted a module on Certificates of Free Sale issued to food processing plants with good manufacturing practices or highly advanced systems. This module is available at: <http://permisosfuncionamiento.controlsanitario.gob.ec/consultordocumentos/index.php>.

3. Ecuador's customs service provides the Ecuadorian Single Window, which, on its homepage, offers the option "*Consultar validez de Certificado*" ("Check certificate validity"). This enables users to verify the validity of the original certificate registered in the system by entering the required authorization number and issue number found at the bottom of the certificate and can be accessed at: https://ventanillaunica.aduana.gob.ec/vpt_server/vpt_flex/odvc.jsp.
