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Dear Dr. Nguyen Van Long

I am glad that we are maintaining our amicable relationship and hope to carry this forward.

I have some great news regarding your request to postpone the enactment of the Act on Aquatic Animal Management Enforcement Rule (originally apply to shipments from April. 9. 2017) by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF). The request was made at the bilateral meeting we had on March 22 during the 68th meeting of the WTO committee on SPS.

After the consultation with the MOF, it was decided to postpone the application of the enactment rule for one year (application begins on Apr. 1. 2018). So the export of Vietnamese shrimp to Korea will have no difficulties in this regard. MOF will notify this decision to the WTO secretariat and diplomatic offices in the near future.

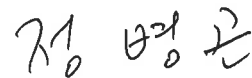
Furthermore, the ministerial meeting between our two ministries is scheduled on April 27, and Minister Kim of MAFRA will ask the Vietnamese side to approve the import of 5 agricultural produce(permission, tangerine, peach, paprika, Asian melon) to Vietnam in an expeditious manner at the meeting.

As you are aware of, I mentioned aforementioned produce at the 68th WTO SPS meeting and they had been exported to Vietnam before the introduction of PRA to Vietnam, so we ask for

your cooperation for resumption of export after the completion of PRA procedure within this year. And I hope we can hear some good news at the ministerial meeting.

Thank you once again for your cooperation and ask for your continued cooperation for better trade between our two countries.

Sincerely yours,



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