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To whom it may concern,

I would like to extend my gratitude to you on behalf of the Director General of the National Fishery Products Quality Management Service (NFQS) for cooperation in consultation on health certificate for aquatic animals and aquatic animal products with Korea.

In accordance with the Revision of the Enforcement Rules of the Aquatic Life Disease Control Act of the Republic of Korea, we notified you through WTO/SPS notification and diplomatic channels that it is required to accompany health certificate issued by the competent authorities of the exporting countries for wild live aquatic animals and chilled/frozen shrimp, and live aquatic animals and chilled/frozen shrimp, oyster and abalone carried by passengers intended for export to Korea from April 9th, 2017.

However, several exporting countries requested the extension of the implementation date (for issuing health certificate) as they informed us that they are not fully prepared for the issuance of the health certificate from April 9th, 2017. For this reason, we would like to inform that the implementation date has been postponed until April 1st, 2018 to allow sufficient time for preparation of health certificate issuance in exporting countries.

Korea and your country reached a consensus on health certificate. Thus, we ask for you to issue health certificate agreed by both sides for farmed live aquatic animals. However, we would like to notify you that wild live aquatic animal and chilled/frozen shrimp intended for export to Korea are exempted from accompanying health certificate before April 1st, 2018.

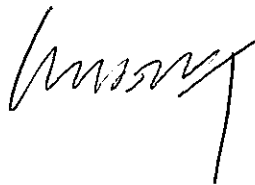
In this regard, Korea hopes to complete the consultation on health certificate with your country on wild live aquatic animals and chilled/frozen shrimp no later than April 1st, 2018.

I would like to kindly ask for your understanding in causing inconveniences to your work due to the extension of the implementation date of the Rules.

Should you have any inquiries on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the following contact point.

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