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Subject: Acceptance of simplified health certificates of fishery products from New Zealand to Viet Nam to be used as raw materials for fishery products for export to the EU

Dear Mr Nguyen Nhu Tiep,

I refer to your email of 04 April 2024 and your services' letter of 15 April 2024 (Ref: 703/CCPT-ATTP) asking about the acceptance of simplified health certificates, instead of those established by Chapter 28 of Regulation (EU) 2020/2235, when importing fishery products from New Zealand to Viet Nam to be used as raw materials for fishery products to be exported to the EU.

I am pleased to reply the following:

- The EU and New Zealand have an SPS equivalency agreement in place recognising that New Zealand's food safety measures for fishery products are equivalent to those of the EU.
- Based on this equivalency, Decision (EU) 2015/1901 of 20 October 2015 establishes the model health certificate for the importation into the EU of animal products from New Zealand.
- The health attestation of this model health certificate reads: *"The live animal(s) or animal product(s) herein described, complies/y with the relevant New Zealand standards and requirements that have been recognized as equivalent to the*

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European Union standards and requirements as prescribed in the European Union – New Zealand Agreement on sanitary measures (Decision 97/132/EC).”

Based on the above, fishery products exported from New Zealand to Viet Nam, which originate from an EU-listed establishment, and are accompanied by a health certificate that includes the attestation according to the model of Decision (EU) 2015/1901 are EU-eligible.

As the health certificate attached to your letter of 4 April (Ref: 703/CCPT-ATTP) issued by the New Zealand’s competent authority for fishery products exported to Viet Nam is in conformity with Decision (EU) 2015/1901, fishery products accompanied by the same model health certificate issued by the New Zealand competent authority can be used for the production of fishery products for export to the EU, as far as the establishments of origin in New Zealand are EU-listed.

I hope the above answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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