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ANNEX 6-D

CERTIFICATION

Section 1: Health attestations or declarations:

- (a) For commodities with equivalence agreed
- (i) the following model health attestation or declaration to be used (equivalence for animal, public health or plant health, as appropriate);
- “The product(s) herein described, complies/y with the relevant (European Union/Australian (*)) standards and requirements which have been recognized as equivalent to the (Australian/European Union (*)) standards and requirements as prescribed in the SPS chapter of the European Union/Australia Free Trade Agreement.
- * delete as appropriate.

AND

- (ii) the additional attestation(s) or declaration(s) described in Annex [], as relevant and referred to as “Special Conditions” within Annex [], to be used.

Section 2: Completion of Certificates:

- (a) when issuing an official paper health certificate that includes animal and/or public health attestations, the signature and official seal applied must be in a colour different to that of the printing.
- (b) for exports of animal commodities from Australia where animal and/or public health conditions apply, when an official paper animal health certificate is issued, it shall be in English, as well as in one of the languages of the Member State in which the border control post where the consignment is presented is situated.
- (c) for exports of animal commodities from the European Union where animal and/or public health conditions apply, when an official paper animal health certificate is issued, it shall be in English, as well as in one of the languages of the Member State.
- (d) the Parties recognise that the IPPC ISPM 12 provides an adequate standard for the issuance of phytosanitary certificates.

- (e) where required by the importing Party, each consignment intended for export shall be supported by an original certificate(s), or original document(s) or other original document(s), as applicable.
- (f) the official paper health certificate that includes animal and/or public health attestations does not need to include the explanatory notes providing guidance for completion, nor the attestations that are irrelevant to the consignment.
- (g) In case of crisis situations derogations to the above may be agreed bilaterally between the Competent Authorities by correspondence.

Section 3: Electronic Data Transmission:

- (a) the exchange of original certificate(s), other original document(s), or information may occur by paper based systems or secure methods of electronic data transmission offering equivalent certification guarantees, including the use of digital signature and non-repudiation mechanism. Where the exporting Party elects to provide electronic official health certificates or other original document(s), the importing Party must have determined that equivalent security guarantees are being provided. The importing Party's agreement for the exclusive use of electronic certification can either be recorded in one of the Annexes to the Agreement or by correspondence. The Parties shall take all necessary steps to ensure the integrity of the certification process, to guard against fraud and prevent false and misleading certification.

Electronic data transmission systems offering equivalent guarantees:

Australia – E-cert

EU – TRACES

- (b) the official certificate shall be issued and provided to the border control post either:
 - (i) as an original signed paper certificate, or
 - (ii) electronically through use of electronic data transmission using E-cert and TRACES according to the procedure described in Section 3 (a).
- (c) Where electronic data transmission is exclusively used the following contingency process will be followed in the event of data exchange or complete information system failure;
 - i. In the event of data exchange failure between the information system(s) an email containing a scanned copy of a signed paper certificate in English must be sent to the destination border inspection post until data exchange resumes.
 - ii. In the event of a total system failure and where a certificate cannot be generated, a manual certificate shall be issued in English outside of the nominated systems, and emailed to the destination border inspection post until data exchange resumes.
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