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Dear Ms Salakpetch,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 23 May 2019 (Ares(2019) 3509065/12.06.2019) by which you provided information regarding the host status of *Citrus maxima* (pomelo) for *Bactrocera dorsalis* and the treatment method for *Magnifera indica* (mangoes) against fruit flies.

According to the information provided, pomelo is not a host for *Bactrocera dorsalis*. Based on this information, and in the context of Directive (EU) 2109/523 it could be derived that Thailand is free from fruit flies to which pomelos are susceptible (thereofer pomelos will be exported under option (a) of point 16.5 of Annex IV-A of Directive 2000/29/EC). However, in order to conclude on the pest status of Thailand with regard to fruit flies susceptible to pomelo I would appreciate it if you can clarify whether there are no other fruit flies present in Thailand to which pomelos are susceptible or if the information on those other fruit flies has not been provided yet.

Furthermore, I acknowledge the information regarding the hot water treatment for mangoes against fruit flies. Based on this information, it is concluded that Thailand will be using option (d) of point 16.5 of Annex IV-A of Directive 2000/29/EC for mangoes.

I would like to inform you that this information will soon be published on DG SANTE website.

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Finally, I would like to remind you that as of 1 September 2019, when exporting pomelos or mangoes the option corresponding to Thailand's declarations should be mentioned in the space "Additional Declaration" of the phytosanitary certificate.

Yours sincerely,

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