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Re. New phytosanitary certificate and new stamp

Dear colleagues,

Due to changes in the name of our Service the phytosanitary certificates of the NPPO of the Netherlands and the stamp used by the NPPO officers to issue these certificates will be changed. With this letter we would like to inform you on these changes.

Until April 30, 2013, the old phytosanitary certificate model and the old stamp (annex 1, 2 and 3) will be used by the NPPO officers of our Service as part of the Ministry, now named the Ministry of Economic Affairs. After this date only the new model of the phytosanitary certificates will be issued and the new stamps will be used.

A specimen of the new model of the phytosanitary certificate for export and of the phytosanitary certificate for re-export are attached in pdf-format (annex 4 and 5). The phytosanitary certificates issued by our Service will be printed on paper containing a watermark, the figures present in the watermark are also attached (annex 6). Moreover, the stamp used by our NPPO officers issuing the certificates will be changed at the same date,. From May 1, 2013 onwards, only the new model of the stamp will be used. The model of the new stamp is also attached in pdf-format (annex 7).

The unique identification number of the new model certificates will consist of the following format "EC/NL/PCNU" followed by a unique serial number.

For your information, even after April 30, 2013 you may receive the old model of our phytosanitary certificate and the old stamp, but only issued on or before April 30, 2013. This is due to the time the consignment need to arrive in your country after export certification in the Netherlands.

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I expect this information to be helpful in dealing with our phytosanitary certificates at import. If you need any more information or paper specimen of the certificates, you can contact our Service (n.m.horn@minInv.nl).

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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