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Dear Mr Borrello,

Subject: Import of century old eggs

I refer to your letter of 10 May 2019 and whether century old eggs can be considered as egg products. The definition of egg products is laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

According to Annex I point 7.3 of this Regulation egg products are processed products resulting from the processing of eggs. Breaking of the eggs is not mandatory for considering (these processed) products as egg products.

'Century old eggs' can be imported in the EU when they comply with the conditions for import of egg products, including accompaniment with the relevant official certificate for entry into the Union.

As regards your reference to the application of the specific requirements as laid down in Annex III, section X, paragraph II of the above Regulation these apply in case of breaking eggs for the production of egg products.

Yours sincerely,

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