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Dear colleague,

**Subject: Amendments of veterinary health certificates for the import of Pet food and Dog chews**

It is my pleasure to communicate with you within this framework of understanding between our administrations. We have been contacted by a pet food importer who sources products from your country. They have brought to our attention that one of the manufacturing plants does not meet the requirements specified in point IV.3 of the bilaterally agreed certificates for the import of pet food and dog chews due to the occurrence of ASF in the region.

The IVSAH proposes amending the wording of point IV.3 in the two veterinary health certificates by adding an option to the clause that will read:

*a) no cases of foot and mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, rinderpest and African swine fever have been diagnosed within a radius of 30 km from the manufacturing plant during the last 6 months prior to shipment;*

*and*

*b) in the case of non-compliance with the requirement in point a) regarding African swine fever (ASF), the product has undergone procedures for the inactivation of ASFV according to the World Organization for Animal Health.*

Should you have any future questions or remarks, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



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