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Dear Mr. Harun SEÇKİN

This is a response to your letter dated June 12 2020 regarding of Arrangements for Verification of Compliance of Consignments (AVCC) of fresh sweet cherry fruits produced in the Turkey in 2020 season for the Republic of Korea.

Recent pandemic of COVID 19 does not allow Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) inspectors to conduct AVCC due to Turkey policy for foreigners and safety of Korean inspectors.

By your official letter, you requested to us performing export controls and operations for cherry fruits by Turkey NPPO. Therefore APQA would like to propose interim measures to avoid serious impact on trade as follows;

1. Before commencement of 2020 season, report should be provided by Turkey NPPO to APQA with summary of below information as soon as possible.
 - The period of AVCC inspection and expected exporting quantities
 - The location of MB treatment facilities and shipping sea port and so on
 - Results of monitoring / control for quarantine pests of Korean concern of export orchards during the growing season including the information of pest free from *Blumeriella jaapii* and low prevalence or free of *Wilsonomyces carpophilus*



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- Results of basic hygiene management and sanitary condition and regular disinfection of packing house.
 - Results of insect proof measures, such as
 - nets (less than 1.6mm×1.6mm) to windows and ventilation holes and
 - installation of insect proof means such as air curtains, rubber curtains, double doors, other insect-proof facility or sticky traps etc. or
 - alternative measures in case of that the export packing houses are not equipped with other insect-proof means.
 - Results of checking of fumigation facilities and devices related to Methyl Bromide (MB) fumigation [Annex 2]
2. After review of the submitted summary report by Turkey NPPO, we will notify commencement of trade if it is relevant.
 3. Turkey NPPO should manage or supervise the whole procedures of fumigation treatment and export inspection and should issue the following certificates along with a phytosanitary certificates (PC) for each export consignment.
 - MB fumigation certificate shall be attached (inspector's name and signature of Turkey NPPO)
 - Number of MB fumigation certificate shall be written on additional declaration or fumigation treatment column of phytosanitary certificate
 4. APQA will strengthen the import inspection including checking record of fumigation treatment and sampling for lab testing.

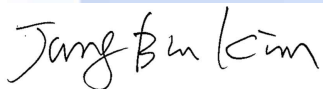
This interim measures will be applied only 2020 season (until July 31).

I would like to confirm the MB fumigation schedules are these : fruit core temperature should be 20°C or over, dosage 145g/m³ duration 3 hours and MB final gas concentration 106g/m³ or over.

I hope that you and your staff stay healthy and trade will be normalized as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc.: Embassy of Turkey in the Republic of Korea.