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Dear IPPC Contact Point,

Subject: New Format of Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) would like to inform you of a slightly revised format for Canadian phytosanitary certificates. As a result of updates to the system used to issue paper phytosanitary certificates, the phytosanitary certificate issued by the CFIA will have minor layout changes compared to the current phytosanitary certificate.

A WTO SPS notification on this subject has been posted on the World Trade Organization's DocsOnline and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Information Management System (SPS-IMS) (<https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/SPS/NCAN1343.DOCX>), which includes a link to a specimen of the new format of the Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate.

The CFIA would like to stress that the revised format continues to follow the International Plant Protection Convention's model for phytosanitary certificates.

The new Phytosanitary Certificate will be issued by the CFIA starting on 8 December 2020. It is important to note that any phytosanitary certificate re-issued on 8 December 2020, onwards will also be under the revised format, even if the certificate that it replaces was presented in the earlier format.

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that you notify your inspection staff of the changes of the Canadian Phytosanitary Certificates in order to avoid any disruption of trade.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment : Copy of the WTO notification G/SPS/N/CAN/1343