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**Trader Notice MPD 002/2012**

**To: All Food Business Operators intending to export Dairy Products to Morocco.**

**Subject: Date of Health and Veterinary certificate in relation to the Bill of Lading.**

**07 June 2012**

Dear Trader,

It has been brought to our attention that the Moroccan customs authorities require our Health and Veterinary Certificates to be signed and dated prior to the date listed on the Bill of Lading. Currently the Dairy Produce Inspectors and Veterinary Inspectors sign the certificates on the date of issue or when controls (where necessary) have been completed.

It appears that a number of shipments have been blocked at the ports in Morocco where the date of the certificates was after the Bill of Lading date. To prevent a recurrence of this problem we would ask applicants to apply for certificates for Morocco sufficiently far in advance of the date of the Bill of Lading to enable the certificate to be checked and issued in time.

It should be noted that certification principles require certificates to bear the date, expressed unambiguously, on which the certificate was signed and issued.

Kind regards

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