



Dear all,

In the context of current COVID-19 situation, the NAQS has been aware that several certification bodies face difficulties to present the original of NAQS import certificates to the Imported Food Inspection Center of Korea, which must be accompanied with consignments of organic processed products exported to the Korea under the Korea-EU equivalency recognition.

In the light of COVID-19, the NAQS determined to accept the copy of NAQS import certificate for products under the Korea-EU equivalency recognition in order to prevent disruptions of trade. The original paper certificates must be sent to the Imported Food Inspection Center in the future when the restrictions are lifted. As a temporary working solution for COVID-19, we monitor the development of the COVID-19 situation and inform you of the further measures.

According to this working solution, the relevant certification bodies must present the copy of NAQS import certificates to Imported Food Inspection Center of Korea, accompanying with an electronic or a copy of official letter stating that the original certificate will be submitted if circumstances allow.

I would appreciate if you share this notice to the certification bodies of Member States of EU.

Your sincerely,

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