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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## UPDATE OF VETERINARY/PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES FOR ANIMAL, PLANT AND RELATED PRODUCTS

SUBMISSION BY THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

The following document, received on 18 July 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu</u>.

- 1. The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu announced that starting from 1 August 2023, the former Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) under the Council of Agriculture (COA) will be renamed to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency (APHIA) under the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).
- 2. Within this framework, export and re-export veterinary/phytosanitary certificates of animal, plant and related products will be updated and printed on ordinary paper, and the seal will be printed on the certificates. Updated certificates are expected to be fully applied by 1 February 2024. During the transitional period between 1 August 2023 and 31 January 2024, both new and old versions of above-mentioned certificates will be valid.
- 3. Updated model certificates are provided at the following link after 1 August 2023: <a href="https://www.aphia.gov.tw/ws.php?id=7357">https://www.aphia.gov.tw/ws.php?id=7357</a>.
- 4. The SPS Notification Agency and National Enquiry Point will be changed to the following, and it will be officially launched on 1 August 2023:

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