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To all Importers
Seychelles

Thru: Chief Executive Officer (National Biosecurity Agency)

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: NOTIFICATION ON IMPORTATION OF TOMATOES FROM TURKEY

The National Biosecurity Agency (NBA) as the designated competent Authority responsible for the National Biosecurity of Seychelles, and responsible for the regulation of the entry of animal and plant and animal and plant products in the country would like to inform you of the aforementioned.

It has been noted that several importers are importing tomatoes from Turkey and sourcing the commodity from various Turkish Companies or Suppliers.

It has been brought to our attention that Importers from Seychelles should only be importing from the initially approved company or supplier during the market access negotiations with Turkey. The Market Access Negotiation which entailed Pest Risk Analysis/Assessment (PRA) exercise were conducted with the support of Turkish government and private sectors to facilitate the process by assessing a number of production areas, processing and packing house, transport, storing facilities and other relevant facilities and services.

Allowing various companies or suppliers which have not been officially approved by both parties during the market access negotiation raised big concerns regarding the quality, standard, compliances and traceability for any potential biosecurity threat or risk which might occur with such practices.

In order to discourage such practice and to facilitate safe trade as agreed between the two countries, the National Biosecurity Agency (NBA) of Seychelles would like to maintain its decision in line with the initial outcomes of the Pest Risk Analysis/Assessment (PRA).

The Agency (NBA), would therefore like to notify all importers that the importation of tomatoes from all Turkish companies or suppliers will be suspended from now on, except for **Hatipoglu Tari and Sentez Meyve Gida Sanayi ve Tiearet Ltd**, unless the exporting country or the country of origin (Turkey) officially notify Seychelles on any re-negotiation



and/or changes regarding market access of other companies or suppliers of tomatoes from Turkey.

Thanking you in advance for your full cooperation, support and understanding.



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