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Re: CLIENT, export certification of animal feed and/or its ingredients

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## To whom it may concern,

**Onze referentie**  
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The Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA) in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, is changing the procedures for export certification of animal feed and/or its ingredients in the Netherlands. At this moment an automated system is developed, which is implemented in a project named CLIENT. CLIENT is an acronym for "Controles op Landbouwgoederen bij Import en Export naar een Nieuwe Toekomst". Loosely translated, it stands for "a new approach of the control of agricultural goods during import and export". Within the dairy- and meat sector and also for seed potatoes and plant seeds this system is already fully operational.

With this system the checks and procedures are streamlined on which the official veterinarian signs a veterinary certificate for the export of animal feed. This system supports the veterinarian and the exporters and will lead to a more efficient organisation and an increased standardisation, in text and layout, of the veterinary export certificates.

In order to implement such a system it is necessary that some declarations as mentioned in the veterinary certificates for the export of animal feed and ingredients thereof will be revised. This means that some of the veterinary declarations will be changed in such a way that the scope, guarantees and meaning of the health attestations, in our opinion, become clearer and less ambiguous. This also means that more companies will offer the same clear declarations in the same layout (for all sectors) to the importers of their products, which will improve the efficiency of the export process. In the next coming months the new system will be implemented, taking into consideration a transition period during which the old certificates will be phased out.

I hope you are sufficiently informed in this way.

If this is not the case, please inform me or one of the members of my staff at the VWA directly or via exporting establishments or through the official channel of ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality.

Yours sincerely,



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