To
Business operators and importers
of foods of plant origin

Import controls on foods of plant origin at Frankfurt/Main Airport; Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

On the 25th January 2010, Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009 will come into force. This regulation was introduced to implement Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 regarding the increased level of official controls on EU imports of certain feed and foodstuffs of non-animal origin.

The different types of feed and foodstuffs that will be subject to increased official controls at designated points of entry (here: Frankfurt/Main Airport) are listed in Annex I of the regulation. In order to ensure a uniform approach throughout the community, a common entry document (CED) regulating imports into the EU was developed.

Therefore, the import of foods of non-animal origin via our office entails the following modifications or procedures:

- It is required to give prior notification of the arrival and nature of consignments of feed and foods listed in Annex I, at least one working day prior to the physical arrival of the consignment. Feed and food business operators or their representatives shall complete part I of the CED and transmit the document to our office.

- Our office will conduct a documentary check on all consignments.

- Identity and physical checks (including laboratory analyses) will be conducted in accordance with the frequencies set out in Annex I.

- Our office will complete and sign part II of the CED and the original will be handed to you. Furthermore, the original of the CED will accompany the consignment on its onward journey until it reaches its destination.

- The release for free circulation of consignments will be subject to the presentation by the feed and food business operator to the custom authorities of the completed part I and II of the CED.
A copy of Annex I and the CED is enclosed. Please note that the list in Annex I will be updated on a regular basis, and at least quarterly by the EU authorities, in order to respond to new developments in a timely manner, for example, when certain food stuffs imported from third countries are contaminated with pesticides or other agents.

Note: Foods of plant origin not listed in Annex I of the Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009, comply with the current procedures. Regulation (EC) No. 1152/2009 (contamination risk of certain foods by aflatoxin) will repeal Decision 2006/504/EC from 1st January 2010. For the new procedures, please refer to the regulation mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of

Dr. Jöst

Attachments