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Mr. Andrzej CHODKOWSKI Main inspector of the State Plant Health and Seed Inspection Service

Dear Mr. Andrzej CHODKOWSKI,

This letter is in regard to the import of seeds of *Dacus carota*, *Apium graveolens*, and *Petroselinim crispum*, related to *Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum (hereinafter CaLso)

Currently, the clarification of "free from CaLso" through PCR test is needed for import of those seeds from the Poland. In regard to it, Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) reviewed recent researches about introduction and transmission of CaLso, indicating that vectors play a critical part and that there is a low possibility of introduction by seeds.

After reviewing it, we have decided to lift our import restriction measure for seeds of *D. carota*, *A. graveolens*, and *P. crispum*. So after 6 December 2022 (as of shipping date), the obligation of pest-free clarification through PCR test when importing those seeds was expired.

Please let us know if you need further information.

Sincerely yours,

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