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Dear Director Sarmiento:

Referring to the message we received from the Department of Health (DOH) in Taiwan, I would like to bring to your attention that, **effective July 1, 2011**, a sanitary certificate will be required for importation of seafood products in Taiwan. This is to reinforce and harmonize the management of domestic and imported seafood products. In addition, the DOH also requests exporting countries to provide a list of qualified HACCP establishments for our guidance and verification.

In order to expedite the customs clearance of Philippine seafood products, I would like to seek your assistance in providing the following information before **February 10, 2011** for our guidance:

1. The specimen and seal of the official sanitary certificate for exporting seafood products.
2. The said sanitary certificate must indicate the serial no., name and serial no. of the establishment, origin of the seafood products (caught or cultivated), and the statement that the products are fit for human consumption.
3. The list of qualified HACCP establishment and their products.
4. The list of government or internationally accredited laboratories for seafood inspection and the specimens of their inspection reports.

Thank you for your preferential attention and kind cooperation on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Fu-Sheng Chen
Director

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