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Dear Sir

Ref: Introducing Moonlight Tanzania Limited Farm for the Export of Capsicum L to the United Kingdom

Reference is made to the subject above.

Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA), the NPPO of the United Republic of Tanzania wishes to communicate the status of **Moonlight Tanzania Limited capsicum farms** which are located in Kikuletwa Mbuguni Arusha (3°32'36.5"S 36°55'02.0" E) and Kichangani, Nduruma Arusha, (3°31'00.1"S 36°47'47.5" E) with the traceability codes **TPHPA/ARS/MBU/PS003 and TPHPA/ARS/NDU/PS004** as an official places of production of **Capsicum L** and meets the phytosanitary requirement of the United Kingdom as follows: -

- a) *no signs of **Bactrocera latifrons** (Hendel) have been observed at the place of production and in its immediate vicinity since the beginning of the last complete cycle of vegetation, official inspections are carried out at least monthly during the three months prior to harvesting, and none of the fruits harvested at the place of production has shown, in appropriate official examinations, signs of **Bactrocera latifrons** (Hendel), and information on traceability shall be included in the phytosanitary certificate (ISPM 10); (through a routine inspection and a weekly submission of scouting records through Kobo Collect Mobile App);*
- b) *fruits (i) originate in a place of production established by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin as being free from **T. leucotreta** (Meyrick) in accordance with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 10, and (ii) have been subjected to official inspections carried out in the place of production at appropriate times during the growing season and prior to export, including a visual*

examination with an intensity to enable at least the detection of a 2 % level of infestation, with a level of confidence of 95 % in accordance with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 31 and including destructive sampling in case of symptoms, and have been found to be free from T. leucotreta (Meyrick), and
*(iii) the capsicum fruits shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate that indicates the place of production codes. **(through a routine inspection and a weekly submission of scouting records through Kobo Collect Mobile App);***

c) *Capsicums are not from an area recognized as free from fall armyworm, but they comply with the following conditions:*

- i) they have been produced in a production site that is registered and supervised by TPHPA **(through a routine inspection and a weekly submission of scouting records through Kobo Collect Mobile App);***
 - ii) official inspections have been carried out in the production site during the three months prior to export, and no fall armyworm has been detected;*
 - iii) prior to export, the produce has been subject to an official inspection and found to be free from fall armyworm;*
 - iv) there is full traceability covering all movements from the place of production to the point of export;*
 - v) the specified plants have been produced in a production site which has complete physical protection against the introduction of fall armyworm (using insect-proof screen houses).*
- c) *a country recognized as being free from Neoleucinodes elegantalis (Guenée) in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, provided that this freedom status has been communicated in advance in writing to the Commission by the national plant protection organisation of the third country concerned,*

Considering the above information, the TPHPA requests the United Kingdom to list the places of production with their traceability codes as an officially recognized exporter of capsicum based on the status established and supervised by TPHPA.

Please accept, the assurances of the most distinguished consideration of the matter.



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