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**VICEMINISTERIO DE EXTENSION Y CAPACITACION AGROPECUARIAS
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Professor Nicola Spence
UK Chief Plant Health Officer

Dear Madam

Subject: Official statement from the NPPOs of the Dominican Republic on an incomplete Additional Declaration

A shipment of Chili Peppers to the United Kingdom has been detained on 02/20/2024 due to an incomplete Additional Declaration in the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Point of Departure of the Dominican Republic, as expressed in the Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (2019/ 2072).

In the regulation mentioned above and in relation to point 102A, expressed in the subject, we inform that:

- a) The pest *Prodioplosis longifila* Gagné is not present in the Dominican Republic. There are not report of this organism in the surveys conducted by the Surveillance Division of the Plant Health Department of the Dominican Republic, as well as in international databases.
- b) The pest *Neoleucinodes elegantis* (Gueneé) is not present in the Dominican Republic. There are not report of this organism in the surveys conducted by the Surveillance Division of the Plant Health Department of the Dominican Republic, as well as in international databases.

In this context, the phytosanitary status of the Dominican Republic indicates that it is free of *Prodioplosis longifila* Gagné and *Neoleucinodes elegantis* (Gueneé), as confirmed by monitoring based on the ISPM No. 8 -Determination of pest status in an area.

Sincerely,


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