

# **Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SPS Committee of China-Chile Free Trade Agreement**

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Beijing, China

The SPS Committee of China-Chile Free Trade Agreement met on July 4, 2013 in Beijing. The Chinese delegation was led by Ms. Guo Xueyan, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of PRC (AQSIQ) and the Chilean delegation was led by Mr. Jose Manuel Campos Abad, Adviser Regulatory Department, General Directorate of International Economic Affairs (DIRECON), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The list of participants is attached.

Both Parties recognized the good relations between China and Chile, highlighted the fruitful cooperation between their competent authorities, and agreed to the importance of continuing to work closely in the future.

The issues discussed are the following:

## **1. Electronic Certification**

The SPS Committee encouraged cooperation on electronic certification for agriculture, forestry and livestock products between the relevant authorities. Both Parties recalled the Work Plan for China-Chile signed in June this year and agreed to implement the relevant requirements set in the Work Plan as soon as possible.

## **2. Fishing Related Issues**

Chile thanked China for having received Chile's National Fishery Services (SERNAPESCA) delegation which held meetings between 1-5 July. Both parties noted the meeting held this week between AQSIQ and SERNAPESCA. At the meeting, both Parties agreed to sign an MOU on cooperation for ensuring safety of import and export fishery products. AQSIQ would provide the first draft of such an MOU for SERNAPESCA to comment by August. Contact persons were designated for facilitating such cooperation, for AQSIQ, Mr. Yang Binbin ([yangbb@aqsiq.gov.cn](mailto:yangbb@aqsiq.gov.cn)) and for SERNAPESCA, Ms. Cecilia Solis ([csolis@sernapesca.cl](mailto:csolis@sernapesca.cl)).

SERNAPESCA delivered to AQSIQ the sanitary certificates for live fish products (lobster). It is expected that these certificates will be put in place in August, 2013.

## **3. Chilean Fish-meal Exports**

Chile thanked the Chinese authorities for the flexibility showed with regard to the new labeling requirement of China which allow to continuing Chilean export.

## **4. Avocados**

Both parties attach great importance to cooperation on fruit inspection and quarantine. Competent authorities from both sides are jointly conducting the risk analysis for Chilean avocados to be exported to China, product prioritized by Chile

Chinese side informed that more work needed to be done to complete the whole process and Chile highlighted the importance of having the process completed by December 2013.

## **5. Export of Bovine and Ovine Meat**

Regarding the protocols signed in June this year, as a first step to implement the export of ovine frozen meat, Chile proposed to China to take into consideration the regionalization of the Chilean territory, in order to export ovine frozen meat only from the regions of Aysén and Magallanes, fulfilling the whole Chinese ovine import requirements agreed in the protocols. This would allow Chile to import live ovine animals to regions other than Aysen and Magallanes from countries which according to the OIE have very low risk of scrapie and, on the other hand, to export to China quality ovine frozen meat assuring the Chinese quarantine requirements.

China reiterated its quarantine requirement for meat import, but agreed to pass on the request to relevant authorities.

## **6. Raisins**

Chile expressed its interest to export raisins to the Chinese market. China confirmed that Chilean raisins can now be exported to China.

## **7. Other Issues**

Chile asked for requirements for Chilean sugar-coated blueberries to enter the Chinese market. China would check and provide relevant information afterwards.

Both parties noted respective changes to the contact points. For the Chinese side, Mr. Bi Zhonglin (bizl@aqsiq.gov.cn), Division Director, the Department of International Cooperation, AQSIQ. For the Chilean side, Ms. Carolina Ramirez (caramirez@direcon.gob.cl), Head of the Regulatory Department, DIRECON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Annex:

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