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Moscow, April 6, 2010  
No. FS-AC-4/3132

Mr. Timothy Hansen  
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Dear Mr. Hansen,

The Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service assures you of our respect and according to our agreement reached during our meeting in Boston in March 2010, sending a letter from VPSS addressed to the U.S. fish and seafood processing facilities/vessels.

We request that you pass the attached letter to all U.S. fish and seafood producers/vessels certified for export of their products to the Russian Federation.

Along with that we would like to inform you that when we review requests for import of fish and seafood from the U.S. to the Russian Federation, VPSS will take the information provided to us by the U.S. exporters as guidance. In case of lack of the information from the specific supplier, VPSS will not be able to issue import permits allowing shipments from the facility to the Russian Federation.

Please accept, Mr. Hansen, assurances of my deep respect for you.

Deputy Head

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To all facilities/suppliers of fish and seafood to the Russian Federation

Dear Sirs,

The Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service (VPSS) requests you to send to our e-mail address [rshnorg@gmail.com](mailto:rshnorg@gmail.com) a list of Russian importers that have valid contracts for shipments of fish and seafood to the Russian Federation with your company according to the attached scheme.

During review of the requests from the Russian importers for shipments of products from your facility to the Russian Federation, VPSS will be guided by the information provided by you.

If you fail to provide the requested information till April 15, 2010, VPSS will stop issuing import permits for shipments of products from your facility to the Russian Federation.

VPSS guarantees that we use provided to us information only when reviewing requests (*from the Russian importers*) to ship fish and seafood to Russia, and it will not be a subject to publication.

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Attachment 1. Information Form

Name, Number of the U.S. facility	Name, Address of the Russian company-importer