

法規名稱：EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF ORGANIC EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

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Mr. Stanley Kao

Representative

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States

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Dear Representative Kao:

On behalf of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), I am pleased to inform you that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and Enforcement Rules for the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act of 2019 (hereinafter "Taiwan organic regulations"). Based on that review, pursuant to the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) (7 U.S.C. Sec. 6501 et seq.), under authority delegated to the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA has determined that agricultural products produced and handled in accordance with Taiwan organic regulations in effect as of May 30, 2020, are produced and handled under an organic certification program that provides safeguards and guidelines governing the production and handling of such products that are at least equivalent to the requirements of OFPA.

Accordingly, subject to the conditions set forth in Appendix 1 of this letter, agricultural products produced and handled in conformity with Taiwan organic regulations as in effect on May 30, 2020, are deemed by USDA to have been produced and handled

in accordance with the OFPA and USDA ' s organic regulations under the National Organic Program (NOP) (7 CFR part 205). These products may be sold, labeled, or represented in the United States as organically produced, including by display of the USDA organic seal as well as the Taiwan organic mark, under the conditions set forth in Appendix 1.

AIT furthermore wishes to advise the Taiwan authorities that the United States is also pleased to acknowledge Taiwan ' s recognition of the equivalence of the organic system of the United States for products produced and handled in accordance with the OFPA and USDA ' s organic regulations in its letter effective as of May 30, 2020. USDA ' s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Foreign Agricultural Service and the Office of the United States Trade Representative are committed to working with the Taiwan COA ' s Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA) as described in this cover letter and its associated appendices and in the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States ' (TECRO) letter of today ' s date and its associated appendices.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Dear Managing Director Larson:

On behalf of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO), I am pleased to advise you that Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA), Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) regulations (Title 7, Part 205 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations) (hereinafter "USDA NOP regulations"). Based on that review, AFA has determined that agricultural products produced and handled in accordance with the USDA NOP regulations in effect as of May 30, 2020, are produced and handled under an organic certification program, which provides safeguards and guidelines governing the production and handling of such products that are at least equivalent to the requirements of the Taiwan Organic Agriculture Promotion Act and Enforcement Rules for the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act of 2019 (hereinafter "Taiwan organic regulations").

Accordingly, subject to the conditions set forth in Appendix 1 of this letter, agricultural products produced and handled in conformity with the USDA NOP regulations as in effect on May 30, 2020, are deemed by AFA to have been produced and handled in accordance with Taiwan organic regulations. These products may be sold, labeled, or represented on Taiwan as organically produced, including by display of the USDA organic seal, under the conditions set forth in Appendix 1.

On behalf of TECRO, I further wish to advise you that the Taiwan authorities are also pleased to acknowledge the United States' recognition of the equivalence of the organic system of Taiwan for products produced and handled in accordance with Taiwan organic regulations in its letter effective as of May 30, 2020. Taiwan's COA AFA is committed to working with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Foreign Agricultural

Service and the Office of the United States Trade Representative as described in this cover letter and its associated appendices and in the American Institute in Taiwan ' s (AIT) letter of today ' s date and its associated appendices.

Sincerely,

Stanley Kao
Representative

Enclosure: As stated