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INDONESIA – IMPORTATION OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS, ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

STATUS REPORT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DSB RECOMMENDATIONS AND RULINGS BY INDONESIA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 10 July 2019, from the delegation of Indonesia to the Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Indonesia submits this report pursuant to Article 21.6 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

On 22 November 2017, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the recommendations and rulings in respect of the panel and Appellate Body reports in "Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products" (WT/DS477/DS478). In the DSB meeting on 28 February 2018, Indonesia informed the DSB that it intended to implement the DSB recommendations and rulings in these disputes, but that it would need reasonable period of time to do so.

Pursuant to Article 21.3 (b) of the DSU, Indonesia, New Zealand and the United States have mutually agreed on the reasonable period of time to implement the DSB recommendations and rulings that expired on 22 July 2018. Nevertheless, with regard to the DSB's recommendations and rulings concerning Measure 18, Indonesia, New Zealand and the United States also have mutually agreed that Indonesia will have more time to make statutory changes to comply with the DSB recommendations and rulings in these disputes. Accordingly, New Zealand and the United States will not initiate further proceedings concerning Measure 18 until at least 22 June 2019.

In this meeting, Indonesia would like to inform the DSB that it has already taken appropriate steps to implement the DSB recommendations and rulings in these disputes within reasonable period of time agreed by parties as reflected on Indonesia's status report on DSB Meeting January 2019.

Indonesia also wishes to inform the DSB that bilateral engagements have taken place between Indonesia and New Zealand and the United States after the RPT expired. During the engagements, Indonesia has provided in great detail concrete steps that it has taken to adjust its regulations to be in line with the DSB recommendations and rulings, i.e. to improve the importation system towards attaining full compliance status. In line with those bilateral engagements, Indonesia has also made further amendment to the existing regulations as shown by the enactment of the Minister of Trade Regulation No. 29/2019 concerning Provisions for Import and Export of Animals and Animal Products and Minister of Trade Regulation No. 44/2019 concerning the Import Provision on Horticultural Products. These regulations came into force on 24 April 2019 and 12 June 2019 respectively. Further amendments to the Minister of Agriculture Regulations will be concluded soon. The draft regulations are now under enactment process.

Regarding measure 18, the drafts of amendment along with its academic drafts will be finalized soon and discussed in the meeting at ministerial level.