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Dear Director-General

I am writing in relation to the draft Country Specific Guideline (CSG) for Thailand, which is being developed by the Royal Forest Department (RFD), with the assistance of the Australian Government.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RFD for providing us with the third draft of the CSG in November 2019. I understand this was the outcome of fruitful discussions undertaken between the RFD and our Minister Counsellor (Agriculture) in Bangkok, Dr Ilona Stobutzki. We appreciate the significant efforts that have been undertaken by the RFD to progress the document into its current state.

In order for the document to be of maximum use to Australian importers, it is vital the final CSG is as clear, accurate and comprehensive as possible. We think that we are getting closer to this objective, but believe there are still some areas in the document that could be further clarified. In line with this, we have now prepared a fourth draft of the CSG for your consideration. This includes our general response to the current text, with comments seeking your advice on several issues. Please find this document attached.

Recognising that current travel restrictions are likely to impede our ability to personally visit Thailand, we have asked Dr Stobutzki and her team to work with you to consider our comments and progress this latest draft. We are hopeful that by working together we will make significant progress to the CSG before the end of 2020.

Thank you again for your cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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