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ANNEX 5-A

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

SECTION 1

Competent authorities of the European Union

1. Official controls are shared between the European Commission (hereinafter referred as "Commission") and the authorities of the Member States. In this respect, the following applies:

(a) for exports to India, the Member States are responsible for the control of the production circumstances and requirements, including audits and issuing health certificates in relation to the adopted SPS measures and requirements;

(b) for imports from India, the Member States are responsible for the control of compliance of the imports with the European Union's import conditions; and

(c) the Commission is responsible for the overall coordination, inspection or audits of control systems and the necessary measures, including legislative action to ensure uniform application of standards and requirements of Chapter XX (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures).

SECTION 2

Competent authorities of India

Those authorities recognised by the Government of India, as responsible for developing and administering the SPS measures.