



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
 MONROVIA, LIBERIA



Office of the Deputy
 Minister for Industry
 Cell #: +231 77 102e

March 26, 2019

102g

Dear Management:

RE: DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED PIG FEET

We present our compliments and wish to make reference to the communication received from the European Union, through the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, dated December 14, 2018, subject: **According to Regulation (EC) N° 178/2002-fup60 laying down the general Principles and Requirements on withdrawal from the market of pig meat from the Netherlands in relation to a multi-country foodborne outbreak.**

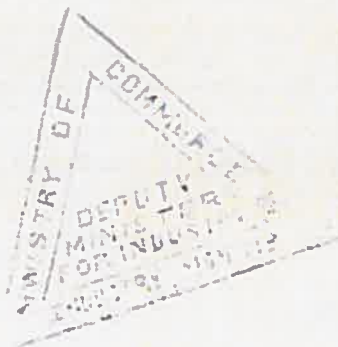
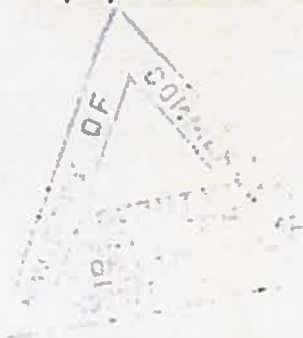
The Ministry verified the products (from 102g) through our testing procedures at the National Standard Laboratory (NSL) and it was proven to be contaminated. In keeping with the inter-Ministerial and agency disposal regulation you are task to finance all of the processes involve in the disposal of the contaminated pig feet. The disposal exercise/process is scheduled from March 29-31, 2019 at about 10:00 AM. You are therefore requested to accord the team your fullest cooperation.

Kindly accept the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Sincerely
 102e

3.26.19

Deputy Minister for Industry



From: Strikker, RG
To: 10.2.e 10.2.e J GNBCC (10.2.e @gnbcc.net)"
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 17:58:00

From: ACC-LNV
Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 13:51
To: Strikker, RG <10.2.e @minbuza.nl>; 10.2.e <10.2.e @minbuza.nl>
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Most recent correspondence :

From: 10.2.e @ec.europa.eu <10.2.e @ec.europa.eu>
Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 12:42
To: 10.2.e @minez.nl; 10.2.e @ec.europa.eu; 10.2.e @ec.europa.eu
Cc: 10.2.e @minez.nl; ACC-LNV <ACC-LNV@minbuza.nl>; 10.2.e @cov.nl
Subject: RE: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Dear 10.2.e ,

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 [Redacted]

They seem to have analysed some of the products imported from the Netherlands (not clear if it was from the consignments listed in RASFF) and found contamination. This was done at the importer's so the problem could even be with the domestic hygiene and storing conditions.

10.2.a en 11
 [Redacted]

If you think we have good arguments, we can ask our Delegation to contact the authorities and

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 [Redacted]

Regards,

10.2.a
 [Redacted]

From: 10.2.e <10.2.e @minez.nl>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:43 AM
To: 10.2.e (TRADE) <10.2.e @ec.europa.eu>; 10.2.e (TRADE) <10.2.e @ec.europa.eu>; 10.2.e (SANTE) <10.2.e @ec.europa.eu>
Cc: 10.2.e (10.2.e) <10.2.e @minez.nl>; 'ACC-Inv@minbuza.nl' <ACC-Inv@minbuza.nl>; 10.2.e 10.2.e @cov.nl' <10.2.e @cov.nl>
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Dear 10.2.e , 10.2.e , 10.2.e ,

I turn to you with this serious issue for the Commission to take action. Because I do not know who is dealing within SANTE or TRADE with countries of Western Africa I address you.

As you will remember, last year there was a problem at one slaughterhouse in the Netherlands that during a period of 4 months produced pork that could have been contaminated with Salmonella Goldcoast. The issue was solved by October. NL sent out a RASFF. A recall was done by the companies where needed.

Some countries had questions but now two African countries have reacted, after a long time, with severe measures. ^{ander onderwerp} and Liberia. After the same issue with ^{ander onderwerp} the

government of Liberia has announced to destroy ¹¹ food.
^{10.2 a en 11}

As a result they think that all pork from the Netherlands is contaminated with Salmonella Goldcoast while the problem was limited to a certain period of time in 2018 and only related to pork from one slaughterhouse.

The European Commission mission Liberia should be aware of this issue and I urgently ask you to do everything that is possible ^{10.2 a en 11}

Liberia is going to destroy up to 165.000 kg of pork (see attachment). ¹¹

I sincerely hope that the Commission can do something.
Please keep me posted on any developments from your side.

Met vriendelijke groet,
Kind regards,

^{10.2 e}
^{10.2 e} Veterinary Market Access

Animal Supply Chain and Animal Welfare Department
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
Bezuidenhoutseweg 73 Den Haag
The Netherlands

M: 00316 ^{10.2 e}

Van: ^{10.2 e} COV <^{10.2 e} @COV.nl>

Verzonden: donderdag 28 maart 2019 14:08

Aan: ^{10.2 e} (^{10.2 e}) ^{10.2 e} @minez.nl>; ACC-Inv@minbuza.nl

CC: ^{10.2 e} (^{10.2 e}) <^{10.2 e} @minez.nl>

Onderwerp: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Hallo ^{10.2 e},

Zie bijgaand bericht en vooral het bericht daaronder van de importeur.
Heb jij al iets vernomen vanuit Accra?

De ambassade VS, Europese Commissie etc schijnen bij de vernietiging aanwezig te zijn.
En de Europese missie zou de Nederlandse overheid vertegenwoordigen?

Er worden ook contactgegevens van een aanspreekpunt van de Liberiaanse overheid gegeven.

Duidelijk is wel dat ^{10.2 g} hier maar voor een deel inzit en is daarom om uitstel verzocht door het bedrijf maar die vrezen dat dit niet wordt gehonoreerd.

Ik verneem graag van je of de ambassade in Ghana.

Dank.

Gr. 10 2 e

Verstuurd vanaf mijn iPhone

Begin doorgestuurd bericht:

Van: 10 2 e <10 2 g

Datum: 28 maart 2019 om 12:16:16 CET

Aan: 10 2 e <10 2 e @cov.nl>

Kopie: 10 2 e <10 2 g, 10 2 e
10 2 g

Onderwerp: Doorst.:FSI Re: Disposal of pigfeet in brine.PDF

Goedemorgen 10 2 e ,

De Liberiaanse overheid zet door met de destructie van de pigfeet in brine,
we hebben uitstel aangevraagd, maar of dit lukt is maar helemaal de vraag.

Verder werden wij verrast door onderstaand bericht van de importeur ter plaatse.

Is er een manier om erachter te komen door wie de Nederlandse Overheid in Liberia vertegenwoordigt gaat worden?

Met vriendelijke groet,

10 2 e

p.s. De vraag van de tractering om hoeveel 10 2 g pootjes er daadwerkelijk in de containers zitten staat uit bij 10 2 e

----- Forwarded message -----

From: 10 2 g <10 2 e @usa.net>

Date: 27 Mar 2019, 17:31 +0100

To: 10 2 e 10 2 g

Cc: 10 2 e 10 2 g, 10 2 e <10 2 e @usa.net>

Subject: Re: Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Dear 10 2 e :

Thanks for your email. I just received a phone call from the Deputy

Minister of Commerce, 10 2 e . He told me that the US Embassy,

European Union, and other International Bodies along with the government

of Liberia Authorities will be present during the disposal exercise.

According to him, the Dutch authorities will be well represented by the European Union.

He insist that disposal should be this week Friday.

If you like to have his direct phone number let me know.

regards,

10 2 e
General Manager/CEO
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Monrovia, Liberia.
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From: 10 2 e
To: Strikker, RG
Subject: Re: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST
Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 09:47:41

Dear Ron,

Got some important info from 10 2 g There are 7 containers not infected. 11

Kind regards/Cordialement/Freundliche Grüßen/Vriendelijke Groeten

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email



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Monrovia

Liberia

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10 2 e

The Netherlands

On Fri, 29 Mar 2019 at 09:44, Strikker, RG <10 2 e @minbuza.nl> wrote:

Dear 10 2 e

EU TZ is trying to get in touch with the Dep Minister, he told me last night.

Regards

RON

From: 10 2 e <10 2 e @gmail.com>
Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 07:58
To: Strikker, RG <10 2 e @minbuza.nl>
Subject: Re: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear Ron,

This has been going on since December! 10.2.g are big importers. They are able to handle their business and have better relations with the Ministries. We haven't sufficient info where it went wrong. My contacts are unable to act now.

I also will contact 10.2.g to get more info.

Regards

10.2.e

On Thu, 28 Mar 2019 at 19:01, Strikker, RG <10.2.e@minbuza.nl> wrote:

Beste 10.2.e,

Graag wil ik je op de hoogte stellen van onderstaande zaak.

Ik kan deze zaak niet goed beoordelen, maar zie wel dat er veel urgentie is gezien de gemelde vernietigingstijd van morgen om 10.00 uur. Ik vermoed dat de EU Delegatie hier ook meer van af zal weten.

Jij kent ongetwijfeld de hier aangegeven Vice Minister.

Kun jij je over deze zaak ontfemen?

Groet

RON

From: ACC-LNV

Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 16:47

To: Strikker, RG <10.2.e@minbuza.nl>

Cc: 10.2.e@minbuza.nl; 10.2.e@minbuza.nl

Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2.e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear Ron,

I received this mail and believe it is important to inform you.

Best regards,

10.2.e

From: ACC-CA

Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 14:56

To: ACC-LNV <ACC-LNV@minbuza.nl>

Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2.e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Attention 10.2.e

From: 10.2.e <10.2.g>

Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 13:31

To: ACC-CA <acc-ca@minbuza.nl>

Cc: 10.2.e 10.2.g >; 10.2.e 10.2.g
10.2.e @cov.nl>

Subject: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2.e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Geachte 10.2.e ,

Wij hebben uw contactgegevens gekregen via 10.2.e van het COV, we hebben net geprobeerd te bellen maar zonder succes helaas.

Zoals gisteren door het ministerie doorgegeven gaat het hier om een partij pigfeet in brine welke de Liberiaanse Overheid morgen wil laten vernietigen.

We hebben al geprobeerd via de importeur uitstel aan te vragen, maar krijgen nul op het rekest.

Wel hebben we inmiddels de contact gegevens van de bewuste assistent minister in Liberia gekregen.

Wij willen u dringend verzoeken met deze persoon contact op te nemen voordat er morgen goederen voor zo'n 250.000 USD vernietigd worden.

Het gaat om:

10 2 e, Assistant Minister for Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
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In afwachting van uw antwoord,

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Our general purchase/sales conditions, (version 18.05.2011) and Incoterms 2010 are applicable to all our offers, sales & purchases. Upon request these will be sent to you immediately or you can download them from our website 10 2 g

Kindly note that we NEVER change our bank account. However, if there was to be any change in our bank a/c, we shall call you personally to inform you of any such changes. All our mail correspondence is done with 10 2 g or 10 2 g, these are the only mail accounts used by 10 2 g. We accept no responsibility for payments made to wrong bankaccounts, and/or correspondence that does not originate from us.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: 10 2 e 10 2 g
Date: 28 Mar 2019, 14:08 +0100
To: 10 2 e @cov.nl>
Cc: 10 2 e 10 2 g >, 10 2 e 10 2 g
Subject: Fwd: Re: Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Goedemiddag 10 2 e ,

We hebben inmiddels het telefoon nummer van de bewuste minister,

is er een mogelijkheid dat het COV en/of het ministerie van LNV met de ze persoon belt - voordat er morgen voor 250.000 USD goederen vernietigd worden?

10 2 e , Assistant Minister for Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry,
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Ik bel je zo even.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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From: 10.2.e
To: ACC-LNV
Cc: Strikker, RG
Subject: RE: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Date: donderdag 28 maart 2019 17:35:59
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Dear 10.2.e,

Thank you for sharing, I will advise you speak to Ron on this issue, He can advise on the degree of our involvement or communication with the company. We can take further action from there.

Kind Regards



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Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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From: ACC-LNV
Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 14:49
To: 10.2.e <10.2.e @minbuza.nl>
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Hello 10.2.e,

This (below and attachment) is an issue with Liberia and some Dutch imported pork, I believe. What should be the action of the embassy? I have also forwarded to 10.2.e, 10.2.e and 10.2.e.

Best regards,

10.2.e

From: CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA)
To: [Strikker, RG](#)
Cc: [10 2 e](#) (EEAS-MONROVIA)
Subject: Re: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 13:29:44

Indeed, [10 2 e](#) is very responsive and dedicated to assist Member States, [11](#)

See you very soon.

Hélène Cavé
 Head of Delegation-Ambassador
 EU Delegation to LIBERIA
 100 UN Drive, Mamba Point, MONROVIA

Sent from my iPhone

On 29 Mar 2019, at 12:52, Strikker, RG <[10 2 e](#) @minbuza.nl> wrote:

Dear Helene,

Thank you for your message.

[10 2 e](#) has been wonderful for us. Great commitment, great work. My compliments.

Wish you good stay in France.

Best wishes

RON

From: CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA) <[10 2 e](#) @eeas.europa.eu>
Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 11:10
To: Strikker, RG <[10 2 e](#) @minbuza.nl>
Cc: [10 2 e](#) (EEAS-MONROVIA) <[10 2 e](#) @eeas.europa.eu>
Subject: Re: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Dear RON

I am currently in the south of France [10 2 a](#) but I see that [10 2 e](#) is busy with it.

In fact, if my memory is correct, we received some weeks ago a rapid alert for safety for food and feed (RASFF) message (DG SANCO) and we had to inform the Lib authorities. If I remember well, indeed, it was pig feet.

Hélène Cavé
Head of Delegation-Ambassador
EU Delegation to LIBERIA
100 UN Drive, Mamba Point, MONROVIA

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Mar 2019, at 19:23, Strikker, RG <[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl> wrote:

From: Strikker, RG
Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 18:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl>; [REDACTED] | GNBCC
<[REDACTED]@gnbcc.net> <[REDACTED]@gnbcc.net>
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Importance: High

Ter info.

From: ACC-LNV
Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 16:51
To: Strikker, RG <[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@minbuza.nl>
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Importance: High

This is also a response i sent earlier to the sender of the mail and his reply. I am not sure what action we are supposed to take.

From: [REDACTED] COV <[REDACTED]@COV.nl>
Sent: donderdag 28 maart 2019 16:09
To: ACC-LNV <ACC-LNV@minbuza.nl>; [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@minez.nl>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@minez.nl>
Subject: RE: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED],

The concerning Dutch company HAP Foods has contacted your office too this afternoon.
They provide you with the contact details of the responsible

government official.

It must be clear to the Liberian authorities that the concerning products they are destroying also comes from Dutch production companies that has nothing to do with this case. Therefore the Dutch company involved needs more time from Liberian authorities to collect the evidence from their supplier(s).

11 [REDACTED] Please, can you assist them in getting more time?

Thank you for all your efforts.

Kind regards,

10.2.e [REDACTED]

Van: ACC-LNV [<mailto:ACC-LNV@minbuza.nl>]

Verzonden: donderdag 28 maart 2019 15:46

Aan: 10.2.e [REDACTED] COV <10.2.e [REDACTED]@COV.nl>; 10.2.e [REDACTED], 10.2.e [REDACTED]@minez.nl>

CC: 10.2.e [REDACTED]@minez.nl

Onderwerp: RE: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.

Dear 10.2.e [REDACTED]

Thanks for this alert. I have forwarded the e-mail to the deputy ambassador, agricultural counselor and policy officer for agriculture. I believe they will get back to you on the issue for the necessary action as an embassy.

Best regards,

10.2.e [REDACTED]

From: Strikker, RG
 To: 10 2 e [mailto:10 2 e@gnbcc.net]
 Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST
 Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 13:09:00
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From: 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA) <10 2 e@eeas.europa.eu>
 Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 10:39
 To: Strikker, RG <10 2 e@minbuza.nl>
 Cc: 10 2 e; CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA) <10 2 e@eeas.europa.eu>;
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 (EEAS-MONROVIA) <10 2 e@eeas.europa.eu>
 Subject: RE: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear Ambassador,

I have just spoken to the Assistant Minister for Industry, some minutes ago.

I have told him that we understand that the disposal exercise is related to the notification that the EU Delegation sent to the Liberian authorities in November and February, which he has confirmed.

As I mentioned in my last email, according to the information we got - our colleague 10 2 e obtained it from the Liberia Netherlands Business and Culture Council (LNBCC) - out of a total of 12 containers, only 5 would be contaminated. I have told the Assistant Minister that we received information that not all containers of the consignment would be contaminated. I have asked him to identify, if possible, the contaminated containers, and separate them from the others, in order to save the latter from disposal. 10 2 a

I have finally told him that in the future we will be very grateful if they can send to the Delegation an official communication to inform us about this sort of exercises, well in advance.

Best regards,

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Delegation of the European Union to Liberia

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From: Strikker, RG [mailto:10 2 e@minbuza.nl]
 Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:21 AM
 To: 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA)
 Cc: 10 2 e CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA); 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA); 10 2 e
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 Subject: RE: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Thank you 10 2 e

Indeed I got same info from 10 2 e this morning plus info that this case has been going on since November 18

Would indeed highly appreciate your good offices to get some postponement to try to get the 7 good containers out. You have the contacts of the importer too.

Guess the importer, in consultation with the Dutch exporter, would have to make clear to the LIB AUT their specific action to be taken within the period of postponement.

Regards

Ron STRIKKER

From: 102 e (EEAS-MONROVIA) <102 e @eeas.europa.eu>
Sent: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 09:58
To: Strikker, RG <102 e @minbuza.nl>
Cc: 102 e ; CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA) <102 e @eeas.europa.eu>;
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Subject: RE: URGENT !!! tav. 102 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear Ambassador,

I have found a letter sent by our Delegation to the Ministries of Health, Commerce and Agriculture in February, in which we convey a notification from the DG for Health and Food Safety of the EU Commission about a foodborne outbreak suspected to be caused by pig meat from the Netherlands. The letter refers to an initial notification about the same issue, previously sent to the Liberian authorities in November. It also mentions a contact point (e-mail: sante-rasff@ec.europa.eu) for any questions. Please find attached this notification.

I was not aware of this notification yesterday, when I received your email and I tried to contact the Assistant Minister for Industry, to see if we could obtain a postponement of the disposal exercise, and win some time to clarify the situation, before it may be too late.

My understanding is that the disposal would be related to this notification. 10 2 a

Even if it's already very late, we continue to try to contact the Liberian authorities to see if they can **11** not dispose part of the consignment, which, according to the information that my colleague **10 2 e** has obtained, would not be contaminated (from a total of 12 containers, only 5 would be contaminated).

Best,

Delegation of the European Union to Liberia

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From: Strikker, RG [mailto:10 2 e @minbuza.nl]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:02 PM
To: 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA)
Cc: 10 2 e ; CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA); 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA);
10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA); 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA); 10 2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA);
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Subject: RE: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Merci!!!

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From: 10.2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA) <10.2 e@eeas.europa.eu>
Date: Thursday, 28 Mar 2019, 20:01
To: Strikker, RG 10.2 e @minbuza.nl
Cc: 10.2 e <10.2 e@eeas.europa.eu>, 10.2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA)
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Subject: RE: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear Ambassador,

I have tried to contact the Assistant Minister for Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the phone to ask for a postponement, but I could not reach him. I will try again tomorrow early in the morning.

Meanwhile, I'm copying my colleagues 10.2 e and 10.2 e, who deal with this thematic area at the Delegation, to see if they can also make a demarche from their part.

We'll be in contact.

Kind regards,

10.2 e

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From: Strikker, RG [mailto:10.2 e@minbuza.nl]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:25 PM
To: 10.2 e (EEAS-MONROVIA)
Cc: 10.2 e
Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST

Dear 10.2 e, see tha 10.2 e is not in, Could you help?



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Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10 2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA
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Dear Helen,

I hope you are doing well.

Apparently – see the NV – the LIB GOV has ordered the destruction of a quantity of pigmeat in brine coming from the NL
'1') on the basis of information from the EU. Destruction should take place tomorrow morning at 10.00. I understand
that people from your Delegation will assist at this destruction.

The Dutch Company 10 2 g does not support the claim that the quantity is (in its entirety) faulty so wants to have the
destruction at least postponed to have more time to sort the matter out properly. They put in a request to contact
10 2 e , Assistant Minister for Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, +2317 10 2 e to get this
postponement. The importer says it would be very difficult.

Could you shed some light on the matter and give advice. If you think postponement is possible and would be justified,
could somebody from your Delegation get in touch with MCI and ask for it ???

Would appreciate your help. PS I copy this to the NL LIB Chamber of Commerce Director Mr Stanley Slagmolen plus our
AGRIC Attache but he is at the moment in Nigeria.

Regards

RON

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Subject: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST
Date: donderdag 28 maart 2019 19:18:00
Attachments: [Liberia destruction order.pdf](#)

From: CAVE Helene (EEAS-MONROVIA)
To: [Strikker, RG](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2 e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA
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Date: donderdag 28 maart 2019 19:19:02

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Please, note that this message will be sent **ONCE**.

Thank you for your message. I am absent at the moment.

10.2 e

that the EU Delegation is closed on 13 and 15 March.

Hélène Cavé

Ambassador/Head of Delegation (EU Delegation to Liberia)

Please, note

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To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@minbuza.nl"
Subject: Pigfeet in brine in Liberia
Date: donderdag 28 maart 2019 19:48:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I have tried to involve the EU DEL, the LNBCC and [REDACTED] helps in this as well. That is all we can do at the moment.

We may be too late, of the request for postponement may be not justified, do not know.

Pigfeet in brine?

Regards

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To: Strikker, RG
Subject: Re: FW: URGENT !!! tav. 10.2.e - Disposal of pigfeet in brine - LIBERIA - SALMONELLA GOLDCOAST
Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 00:27:02

Beste Ron,

De beste optie is dat 10.2.e contact opneemt met 10.2.e. Indien dit het gevolg is van een directief van de EU, ligt daar de mogelijkheid om op zijn minst uistel te bewerkstellen. Ok probeer morgen nog 2 opties, om te vertragen. Veel kan ik niet beloven, daar ik nu in Nederland ben

Mvg
10.2.e

On Thu, 28 Mar 2019 at 19:01, Strikker, RG 10.2.e @minbuza.nl> wrote:

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 To: Strikker, RG
 Cc: 10.2 e, 10.2 e, J GNBCC, 10.2 e @gnbcc.net; 10 @COV.nl; 10.2 e ;
 10.2 e @minez.nl; 10.2 g
 Subject: Re: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
 Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 22:11:37

Hooggeachte heer Strikker,

Allereerst willen wij onze dank uitspreken voor alle genomen moeite door uzelf 10.2 e, de EU delegatie, 10.2 e, de 10.2 e, 10.2 e, 10.2 e en alle andere betrokkenen in deze zaak.

Voor ons begon de zaak op 30 november 2018, via een melding van onze leverancier (niet het NVWA), met daarbij de mededeling dat het niet ging om een re-call actie, en dat indien de goederen verhit zouden worden - het ging tenslotte om rauw vlees, de pekel is slechts een conserveringsmiddel - er geen sprake zou zijn van gevaar voor de volksgezondheid. Op dat moment werden ook alle containers uit de bewuste periode genoemd, en was niet bekend dat het om "slechts" 5 containers zou gaan waar product van 10.2 g in verwerkt zou zijn.

Voor wat betreft de vernietiging, dat is helaas ook bij ons deze week pas bekend geworden.

Nadat we deze week de test uitslagen ontvingen, en de bijbehorende brief, zijn we direct op alle mogelijke manieren in actie zijn gesprongen, helaas zonder resultaat.

Ik wil u nogmaals heel hartelijk danken.

Met vriendelijke groet,

10.2 e

10.2 g

On Fri, 29 Mar 2019 at 17:56, Strikker, RG <10.2 e @minbuza.nl> wrote:

Zeer geachte 10.2 e,

Graag wil ik U voor de goede orde het volgende laten weten.

Sinds gisteravond zijn wij op deze ambassade in actie gekomen om deze zaak een wending te geven in de door U gewenste richting, namelijk enig uitstel van de vernietiging van bovengenoemd voedsel door de Liberiaanse autoriteiten zoals gepland vanaf vandaag. Zoals U weet zit de ambassade in Accra, maar zijn we mede-geaccrediteerd in Monrovia. Ik kreeg een melding van 10.2 e van de 10.2 e – die op dit moment overigens in Nigeria zit.

Zoals U bekend heb ik hier onmiddellijk de bemiddeling gevraagd van 10.2.e 10.2.e, de directeur van de Liberia-Netherlands Business and Culture Council (de lokale Kamer van Koophandel) die goed in Liberia bekend is zich inzet voor de Nederlandse handelsbelangen in Liberia. Hij heeft eerder vanochtend contact met U gehad.

Voorts heb ik de EU-delegatie ingeschakeld en op mijn verzoek heeft de 10.2.e (de ambassadeur was in het buitenland) met zijn staf (die de zaak kende) deze zaak snel uitgezocht en op basis daarvan contact opgenomen met de Liberiaanse autoriteiten. Hij sprak vanochtend met Vice Minister 10.2.e en pleitte voor uitstel van de vernietiging zoals gepland om de betreffende bedrijven de kans te geven de zaak beter uit te zoeken (i.e. welk deel van de lading is besmet en welk deel niet besmet – als ik het wel heb). Belangrijk hier is dat de EU-delegatie op 21 februari jl. over deze zaak een bericht heeft gezonden – op verzoek van Brussel – aan de Liberiaanse Minister van Gezondheidszorg en de Minister van Handel en Industrie, verwijzende naar een eerder NOTIFICATIE gedaan op 18 november 2018. Enige tijd geleden dus. De EU Delegatie was dus bij uitstek goed gepositioneerd om hierover wederom met de Liberiaanse autoriteiten in contact te treden.

Kortom, de EU-delegatie was uiteraard op de hoogte van deze zaak maar men wist **niet** van de voorgenomen vernietigingsactie.

Vice Minister 10.2.e gaf in het gesprek helaas aan niet van de vernietigingsactie af te kunnen zien. Het was niet meer mogelijk om onderscheid te maken tussen niet besmette producten die in de loods waren opgeslagen. Willekeurige testen hadden dit uitgewezen. NB Ik begrijp dat oorspronkelijk de inhoud van 5 containers besmet zou zijn geweest en die van 7 containers niet. De minister insisterde er derhalve op dat de vernietigingsactie vandaag zoals gepland van start zou gaan.

Zelf heb ik nadien ook met de minister gebeld maar de minister bevestigde de hiervoor door hem al gegeven lezing en gaf aan dat de voor vandaag geplande actie doorgang zou moeten vinden, helaas. Hij diende de voedselveiligheid in Liberia te waarborgen.

U weet dit ongetwijfeld al (ik begrijp dat 10.2.e U op de hoogte heeft gehouden vandaag), ik wil het dus alleen maar bevestigen.

Uit het vorenstaande leidt ik overigens af dat deze zaak al lang speelt (zie de melding van november 2018!). Wat er sindsdien gedaan is om deze zaak toch weer vlot te trekken weet ik niet. Ik weet ook niet of Uzelf of anderen in de gelegenheid zijn geweest om naar Monrovia te gaan om een oplossing te zoeken. Het heeft hoe dan ook kennelijk geen effect gesorteerd.

Spijtig.

In ieder geval is het altijd raadzaam om deze ambassade en ook LNBCC (10.2.e)
tijdig op de hoogte te stellen.

Het leek mij juist om U van het bovenstaande op de hoogte te stellen.

Met vriendelijke groet

Ron Strikker

Ambassadeur te ACCRA

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Cc: ["CAVE Helene \(10.2.e\)"](#); [10.2.e](#) [10.2.e](#) [\(EFAS-MONROVIA\)"](#)
Subject: FW: Liberia / Disposal of pigfeet in brine.
Date: vrijdag 29 maart 2019 17:59:00

[10.2.e](#) for your information. It seems to be 165.00 kg of meat? [11](#)
