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**General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and  
Quarantine of the People's Republic of China**

Dear Director Andreas Keller:

Re: Comments on the U.S. draft report on China's safety and sanitary management system for cooked poultry to be exported to the United States

Thank you very much for providing the draft audit report on China's cooked poultry safety and sanitary management system, which was conducted in March this year. After studying the report, the Chinese side considers that this report is basically in compliance with truth. However, there are two mistakes. Firstly, the U.S. side mistook that they audited four Entry and Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (CIQ) branch offices in Shandong Province. Actually, they only audited three. The Chinese side has not established a CIQ branch office in Zhucheng City. CIQ Weifang is responsible for relevant import and export inspection and quarantine work for Zhucheng City. Secondly, the U.S. audit report says in paragraph six in "5. Government Oversight" that "Both the CIQ Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau and the CIQ Livestock Bureau hire and retain employee records for staff assigned to work at establishments producing poultry products destined for the U.S." This description is not accurate. The Livestock Bureau does not belong to the CIQ. It belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture. At slaughterhouses, inspectors conducting anti-mortem and post-mortem inspections come from the agricultural authorities. At cooked poultry processing establishments, there are no staffs assigned to the establishments by the Livestock Bureau to supervise work. Therefore, the description should be changed as "...the CIQs hire official staffs signed to work at establishments producing poultry products destined for the U.S. and retain the employee records..." Please make changes based on these points.

Additionally, the U.S. audit group also audited China's equivalency system for poultry slaughter inspection, when conducting the verification audit on China's cooked poultry processing inspection equivalency system in March 2013. Up to now, the Chinese side has not received an audit report on slaughter. I hope the U.S. side will provide it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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