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SUBJECT : ELIMINATION OF DRY SEAL ON WILDLIFE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

With the government's plan to implement electronic communication in all of its agencies, the undersigned expresses her full support on the program. We believe that such will benefit all parties involved.

Relative to this, we wish to address some concerns. We were informed that the placing of Dry Seals on Wildlife Export Permits (WEC) will be eliminated. I, together with other butterfly exporters fear that the eradication of Dry seals will compromise our documents upon reaching the country of destination. Dry Seals are proofs of the document's legitimacy. Though we believe that a QR Code will be provided as a replacement for the dry seals, it can only be acceptable to us as long as we are assured and guaranteed that such QR Codes can be easily verified overseas to authenticate the documents.

With all due respect, allow us to recommend a solution. We suggest that you gradually implement the eradication of Dry seals until next year and provide us a Certificate or an advisory that your Office will no longer use dry seals and will be using QR codes instead. This perhaps will give us time to inform our clients abroad about the strict compliance and make the proper adjustments as well.

Furthermore, we pray that your office spearhead a conference with the permittees together with the representatives of involved agencies like the Bureau of Customs, PhilExport, Bureau of Animal to enlighten all parties about the plan to improve Export Permit Application procedures.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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