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The General Director
To
Mrs. Cecile Van Den Heuvel
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Subject : Reply to your message of November 23rd, 2011

Madam,

Concerning your message of November 23rd, 2011 regarding decree N° 2011-485 of July 20th, 2011, the latter regulating the production, import, commercialization and use of bags, plastic bags and plastic wrapping, we hereby wish to inform you that the import into the Republic of Congo of bags and plastic bags destined for the vending of nutritional products, water and other beverages is strictly forbidden. (Art. 1)

Is also strictly forbidden the import of bags, plastic bags and plastic wrapping deemed oxo biodegradable. (Art. 2)

As a consequence, the use of ECTN's to ship the above mentioned goods is not permitted as stated by Article 1 and Article 2.

The following, however, are considered permitted for import :

- Bags, plastic bags and plastic wrapping destined for medical use ;
- Bags, plastic bags and plastic wrapping destined for agricultural activities ;
- Bags and plastic bags destined for waste collection ;
- Plastic wrapping used in public works and buildings ;
- Plastic wrapping destined for the packaging or conditioning of hygienic products inside production units, to be precise paper handkerchiefs, napkins and hygienic paper. (Art. 3)

Is also permitted the import of raw materials for the production of the goods mentioned above in Article 3. (Art. 4)

As a consequence, the submission of an ECTN for products quoted in Article 3 and Article 4 must be accompanied by a copy of the Special Import Permission delivered by the Minister of Trade, as stated by Article 5.

As we may rely on your usual cooperation we hereby assure you, Madam, of our full availability should you require it.

Kind regards,

For the Director General
and Per Pro

Monique Makanga