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General Administration of Customs China
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Dear Vice Minister ZOU Zhiwu

According to the proposal of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China dated 27 May 2021, Point 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the real-time data exchange system shall be modified and read as follows:

2. Serial number

For Switzerland: Each serial number shall be composed of 23 characters (case-sensitive letters or digits) as follows:

- Registration number of the Approved Exporter (5 characters),
 - Issuance date of the commercial document (8 digits YYYYMMDD) and
 - Commercial document No. (10 characters)
- for example: 0034520150101000000001

The registration number of the approved exporter shall be preceded by zero(s) up to a total number of 5 characters. The same shall apply for the commercial document number, mutatis mutandis.

For China: Each serial number shall be composed of 21 characters (case-sensitive letters or digits) as follows:

- Registration number of the Approved Exporter (CN + 7 characters),
- Identification number (17A)
- Issuance date of the commercial document (4 characters YYYY) and

- Sequence number (5 characters)
 - for example: CN123456717A220111111

Chinese Approved Exporters may continue to use the serial number mentioned under «For Switzerland» for three months after the entry into force of this amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding.

This serial number shall be used as file name in the context of the ODD system.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, the present letter and the answer of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, confirming its agreement, shall constitute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding which shall enter into force on the first day of the month following receipt of the said answer.

Yours sincerely,

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