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Dear Amb. Dr. Sezibera,

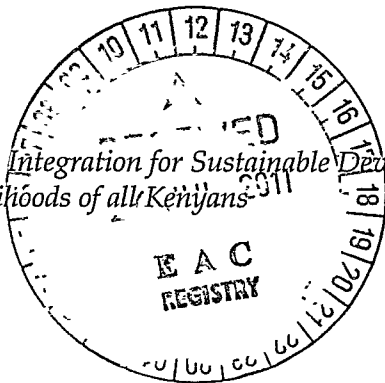
EAC PROTOCOL ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

The East African Community Partner States have been working to come up with a harmonized Protocol on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to enhance intra-regional trade.

The EAC Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security in December 2009 approved the final draft of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Protocol. The EAC Council of Ministers in March 2010 endorsed the final draft protocol. In October 2010 the EAC Legal and Judicial Sectoral Council decided to refer the final draft protocol to legal drafters for final input. This activity was to be organized by the EAC Secretariat.

The Government of Kenya is concerned about the delay in the conclusion of the SPS Protocol. This delay in concluding the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Protocol has resulted in an upsurge of Non Tariff Barriers in some Partner States. The conclusion of the SPS Protocol will bring into being the necessary infrastructure to enhance free movement of goods as provided for the Common Market Protocol.

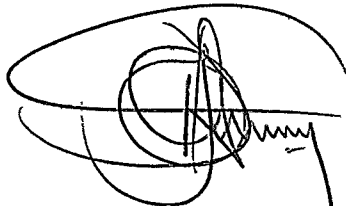
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This letter is, therefore, to inform the EAC Secretariat of the Kenya Government's concern and request the EAC Secretariat to facilitate the conclusion of the protocol.

Yours

*Sincerely*



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PERMANENT SECRETARY**