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Dr. Ye Tun Win
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Dear Dr. Ye Tun Win,

I am writing in response to the 21 August 2020 letter from your office to Ms. Swe Mon Aung, Agricultural Specialist, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) at the U.S. Embassy in Yangon, regarding the status of Myanmar's animal and livestock laws.

I am pleased to hear the draft of your new Animal Health and Livestock Enterprise Development (AHLED) Law will soon be endorsed by the Union Parliament and that you plan to start revising regulations and directives to begin implementing the Law. Likewise, it is very encouraging to hear that the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) is working to finalize the Animal Feed and Veterinary Drug (AFVD) Law.

The Food and Agriculture Export Alliance (FAEA) welcomes the opportunity to assist LBVD in establishing transparent laws and regulations that are science and risk-based, to help ensure the safe production and consumption of food, animal feed, poultry and livestock products in Myanmar, as well as facilitate the unrestricted import of those products. With funding provided by FAS and our members, we can potentially sponsor technical assistance and educational activities that will help you in this regard. For example, we could assist by identifying and sponsoring technical experts from the U.S. who could provide guidance in preparing and reviewing your draft regulations for implementing the AHLED Law and finalizing the AFVD Law.

Under normal circumstances I would travel to Myanmar to meet with you and the FAS staff to discuss how we proceed from here in formalizing our relationship. However, given the current COVID-19 pandemic that will not be possible in the short term. Perhaps we can start by you outlining your specific needs and sharing those with me and the FAS staff. We can give you our feedback and then a virtual meeting can be arranged for us to agree on the areas where FAEA can help and discuss next steps.

I look forward to hearing back from you. You and your staff are welcome to contact me by email if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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