

ANNEX 5-A

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

For the purposes of this Chapter, Competent Authority means:

(a) for the State of Israel:

- (i) *Plant Protection and Inspection Services (“PPIS”), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;*
- (ii) *Veterinary Services & Animal Health (“IVSAH”), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;*
- (iii) *The National Food Service – Ministry of Health;*
- (iv) *The Institute for Supervision and Standards of Medicinal Products of the Ministry of Health – Ministry of Health; and*

(b) for the Republic of Panama:

- (i) *National Directorate for International Trade Agreement Administration and Commercial Defense of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (Dirección Nacional de Administración de Tratados Comerciales Internacionales y Defensa Comercial del Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias);*
- (ii) *National Directorate for Plant Health at the Ministry for Agriculture Development (Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal del Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario);*
- (iii) *National Directorate for Animal Health at the Ministry for Agriculture Development (Dirección Nacional de Salud Animal del Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario);*
- (iv) *Panama’s Authority for Food Safety (Autoridad Panameña de Seguridad de Alimentos); and*
- (v) *Food Protection Department at the Ministry for Health (Departamento de Protección de Alimentos del Ministerio de Salud);*

or their respective successors.