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Addressee: Scheme Manager of Certification Entities.

SUBJECT: Traceability Requirements for Commercial Agents (Brokers, Traders and Marketers)

For the verification of the traceability system requirements for commercial agents included in version 3.0 of the Welfair® General Regulations, the following transition period is established:

- **As of September 1, 2022:** The certification of commercial agents is established as mandatory until the final labeling of the product, so that any traceability audit in which it is detected that these agents have not been certified, an audit must be opened breach.
This non-compliance will be **minor** until January 1, 2024, in such a way that, to continue with the certification process, a corrective action plan will be required within a maximum period of 30 calendar days after the audit, which the auditor should be favorably assessed, and review of closure and effectiveness will be allowed at the next audit.
- **As of January 1, 2024:** The detection of commercial agents without a certificate in traceability audits will mean the opening of a **Major** non-compliance, in such a way that it may lead to the suspension of the certificate until the closure of the non-compliance is proven.

Effective as of: 01/09/2022

Sincerely,

Technical manager of the Welfair® Certification Scheme