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Dear Mr. Fesseha,

We are writing in reference to the USDA-APHIS' December 2018 inspection of the *Pelargonium* Cuttings Production and Niger Seed Heat Treatment facilities in Ethiopia, and we would like to provide the following details:

***Pelargonium* Cuttings Production Facilities**

We are pleased to report that our December 20 to 22, 2018 inspections verified that the facilities are compliant with the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 7 §319.37-21 and the Minimum Sanitation Protocols for Offshore Geranium Cutting Production. The facilities are authorized to ship *Pelargonium* spp. plant cuttings to the United States. This certification is valid through December 31, 2019. All shipping documents must be consistent with the facility information as follows:

- Florensis Abyssinia Farm PLC  
P.O. Box 5739  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

To remain certified, an annual facility inspection by the USDA-APHIS is required for both *Pelargonium* spp. cuttings and Niger seed heat treatment facilities. We greatly appreciate your support for this program and look forward to continuing our relationship.

Sincerely,

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