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Farm and Foreign
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Government of Zambia

Foreign
Agricultural
Service

Re: Shipment of apples

1400 Independence
Ave, SW
Stop 1001
Washington, DC
20250-1001

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to a request from the Government of Zambia for information about apple exports to Zambia. Specifically, the Government of Zambia inquired as to the presence of transgenic/biotech apple varieties. Currently in the United States, no transgenic/biotech varieties of apples have been approved for commercial use. Thus, only non-transgenic/non-biotech varieties of U.S. apples are available commercially, both for domestic and export uses.

I trust that this clarifies the status of U.S. apples. If you need further information, please contact Zhulieta Willbrand at 202-720-0532 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Porter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ed Porter
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