

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member notifying:</b> <u>ARGENTINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria – SENASA</i> (National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> <i>In vivo</i> -derived caprine embryos
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Trading partners
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Condiciones Sanitarias para la Autorización de la Importación de Embriones Caprinos Recolectados In Vivo a la República Argentina</i> (Health Requirements for Importing <i>In Vivo</i> -Derived Caprine Embryos into the Argentine Republic) (13 pages, in Spanish)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified draft document contains models of the application form for importing <i>in vivo</i> -derived caprine embryos ( <i>Solicitud de importación de embriones caprinos recolectados in vivo</i> ) and the international veterinary certificate authorizing the importation of <i>in vivo</i> -derived caprine embryos into the Argentine Republic ( <i>Certificado veterinario internacional para amparar la autorización de la importación de embriones caprinos recolectados in vivo a la República Argentina</i> ).  Among other requirements, the document establishes that neither the farm of origin nor the embryo collection centre must have any officially reported cases of foot and mouth disease, bluetongue, vesicular stomatitis, infection caused by <i>Brucella abortus</i> or <i>Brucella melitensis</i> , contagious agalactia, enzootic abortion of ewes, Nairobi sheep disease, ovine pulmonary adenomatosis, maedi-visna or caprine arthritis encephalitis in the four (4) months prior to the first collection date of the embryos for export.  Furthermore, donor females in establishments where embryos for export to the Argentine Republic are collected must have been held for a 30-day pre-collection period immediately prior to the first collection date.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Once adopted, the measure will be published in the <i>Boletín Oficial</i> (Official Journal).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> Sixty (60) days after the date of notification</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>