

PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS (AFIDI)

Communication from Argentina

The following communication, received on 14 September 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. As previously stated in document G/SPS/GEN/923, the National Agri-Food Health and Quality Service (Senasa) has started to modernize the management of the different processes that fall within its competence. In that connection, it has given priority to the development of a new system for issuing Phytosanitary Import Authorizations (Afidí), incorporating the latest computer technology.
2. The system will be developed and installed in a web environment so that it can be used by all operators in the different locations for registration, consultation and validation of information through the Internet. Thanks to the information processed by the system, it will be possible to ensure flexible management of the documentation required by Senasa at different stages for control purposes.
3. As explained in document G/SPS/GEN/923, the new system will not interfere in the way Argentina establishes phytosanitary requirements.

II. PRE-AFIDI MODEL

4. In the process of developing the new system for issuing Phytosanitary Import Authorizations, it was decided that the system would be implemented gradually, as specified in May 2009 when Argentina announced that changes were being made to the format of the Afidí document.
5. Argentina now wishes to inform that Resolution Senasa No. 569/2010¹ specifies the entry into effect of the new management system for products for propagation purposes (part of a plant, seed), entering the country via the Port of Buenos Aires, (Ezeiza) Ministro Pistarini International Airport or Jorge Newbery International Airport.
6. Importers of such products or their representatives can thus print any application for a phytosanitary import authorization approved by Senasa's Plant Quarantine Directorate, generating a Pre-Afidí that can be used for the upstream processing of phytosanitary certification.

¹ Published in the Official Bulletin of 24 August 2010. The full text of the Resolution is available at: <http://www.infoleg.gov.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/170000-174999/170883/norma.htm>.

7. A Pre-Afidi printout is identical to the model Afidi document presented in May 2009 (G/SPS/GEN/923) and provides for the entry of all requisite trade data (importer, shipper, exporter, product, origin and phytosanitary requirements for entry of the product into Argentina).

8. In this connection, it should be noted that Senasa has introduced a service for the electronic validation of documents. Every printed copy of a document using a Senasa system generates a CUVE (single electronic verification key) number that appears at the bottom centre of the page.

9. The certifying country's National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) can check the validity of the data contained in a printed Pre-Afidi document through its CUVE number, using the online services on the following Senasa web page: <https://aps2.senasa.gov.ar/vdc/faces/consulta.jsp>.

10. Annexed to this communication is the model format to be used for printing a Pre-Afidi document.²

² In Spanish only.

ANNEX

Pre-Afidi Model



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Pre-Afidi

No autoriza la liberación de la mercadería sin la intervención del SENASA

Nombre científico:	Nombre común:
País de Origen:	País de procedencia:
Parte Vegetal:	Acondicionamiento
Destino:	Presentación:
Cantidad:	Unidad:
Ingreso por:	Transporte:
Importador:	Despachante:
Exportador:	Pto. embarque:
Código UP:	Régimen:

Esta Autorización ampara la importación de la mercadería arriba descripta ÚNICAMENTE producida en la que deberá ajustarse a:

Requisitos mínimos de sanidad exigidos.

Certificado Fitosanitario

Prueba

Esta emisión corresponde a los Requisitos Fitosanitarios establecidos por la Dirección de Cuarentena Vegetal

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