

**NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PREVENTION
AND ERADICATION OF *LOBESIA BOTRANA***

Communication from Argentina

The following communication, received on 16 December 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service (SENASA) Resolution No. 362 of 11 May 2009¹, a phytosanitary alert was issued throughout national territory regarding the pest *Lobesia botrana*. SENASA subsequently issued Resolution No. 122 of 3 March 2010² declaring a phytosanitary emergency throughout the territory of the Argentine Republic due to the detection of *Lobesia botrana* in two establishments in the department of Maipú in the province of Mendoza.

2. In light of the need for coordinated and integrated action under a national programme covering all the official control components required to eradicate the pest, the National Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of *Lobesia botrana* was established pursuant to SENASA Resolution No. 729 of 7 October 2010.³

**II. COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PREVENTION
AND ERADICATION OF *LOBESIA BOTRANA***

3. The Programme is made up of four operational components: (1) phytosanitary surveillance; (2) quarantine control and eradication; (3) training and dissemination; and (4) research and development.

4. The *phytosanitary surveillance component* groups together general and specific surveillance activities aimed at facilitating the early detection of possible outbreaks of the pest and the monitoring and recording of its presence.

¹ Published in the Official Journal on 14 May 2009:

<http://www.infoleg.gov.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/150000-154999/153371/norma.htm>

² Published in the Official Journal on 9 March 2010:

<http://www.infoleg.gov.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/160000-164999/164967/norma.htm>

³ Published in the Official Journal on 12 October 2010:

<http://www.infoleg.gov.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/170000-174999/173350/norma.htm>

5. The ***quarantine control and eradication component*** covers, under the quarantine control subcomponent, control activities at entry points established to prevent the pest from being introduced into the country, control at internal barriers to provide containment from regulated areas, controls carried out en route, and traceability certification for table grapes and vine propagation material for export. The eradication subcomponent establishes mandatory measures for the development and implementation of inspection and control activities aimed at eradicating the pest in regulated areas.

6. The ***training and dissemination component*** covers both public and private sector workers involved in the Programme and seeks to ensure that the Programme's activities and tasks are carried out effectively.

7. The ***research and development component*** promotes the evaluation of technologies that are available and/or under development in the country, as well as new technologies of other origins, so that they may contribute to the achievement of the Programme's objectives.

8. A more detailed description of each of the Programme's components can be found in SENASA Resolution No. 729/10. The full text of this Resolution is available in Spanish at: <http://www.infoleg.gov.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/170000-174999/173350/norma.htm>.
