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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**ACTION BY AGROCALIDAD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
ECUADOR'S SINGLE WINDOW**

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, dated 22 December 2012, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Ecuador.

1. Ecuador is providing the information below for the relevant animal and plant health authorities in the other WTO Member countries.

2. By Executive Decree 285 of 18 March 2010 issued by the President of the Republic of Ecuador, Rafael Correa Delgado, the implementation of Ecuador's Single Window for Foreign Trade forms part of the country's foreign trade policy and national strategy for the simplification of procedures as an electronic tool that enables all customs service users and, in general, all foreign trade operators, to fulfil the requirements, complete the procedures and submit the necessary documentation for foreign trade transactions.

3. The third transitional provision stipulates that Ecuador's national authority responsible for sanitary and phytosanitary matters, AGROCALIDAD, must introduce a computerized system for the registration of applications for phytosanitary and zoosanitary export and import certificates, in line with the policies of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (MAGAP).

4. Starting on 29 November 2012, the Ecuadorian Agency for Agricultural Product Quality Assurance (AGROCALIDAD) will issue phytosanitary and zoosanitary certificates electronically for the importation of plants, plant products and other regulated items, as well as for livestock products.

5. Phytosanitary and zoosanitary requirements can be consulted online via the following links:

- Requirements for plants, plant products and other regulated items:
["http://www.agrocalidad.gob.ec/agrocalidad/images/Agrocalidad/Contenido/varios/boletines/importaciones&202/index.html"](http://www.agrocalidad.gob.ec/agrocalidad/images/Agrocalidad/Contenido/varios/boletines/importaciones&202/index.html)
- Zoosanitary requirements for livestock products:
<http://www.agrocalidad.gob.ec/agrocalidad/index.php/es/sanidad-animal/cuarentena>

6. The validity of the electronic phytosanitary and zoosanitary permits can be checked through the Ecuapass System by clicking on <https://portal.aduana.gob.ec> and selecting "Servicios Informativos, numeral 2.7, Verificar la integridad del document".

7. Should there be any doubts about the above procedures, feel free to contact the International Relations Department of AGROCALIDAD at the following e-mail address: relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec.
