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NEW PHYTOSANITARY EXPORT CERTIFICATE FORMAT

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, received on 31 August 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

1. The Agency for Plant and Animal Health Regulation and Control (Agrocalidad) hereby advises that, from 24 August 2020, a new format for phytosanitary export certificates, as described below, will be used.¹

2. It is important to note that this new format meets the recommendations set forth in IPPC International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 12.

Name	Phytosanitary export certificate
Characteristics and security features	Paper: Bond Weight: 75 g/m ² . Bar code: Fixed with black ink. Printing: Offset, full colour. Design: Anti-scan security background with microtext.
Size	Ecuadorian Standardization Service (INEN) A4 format, 21 cm x 29.7 cm
Numbering	Normal ink. 21 digits, including the letter "P" in upper case at the end.

3. In addition, please be advised that the phytosanitary certificates printed on this type of paper and to this specification may temporarily co-exist with certificates printed earlier, which are described below:

Name	Phytosanitary export certificate
Characteristics and security features	Original: Security paper: Watermark of General Eloy Alfaro (made exclusively for the Military Geographical Institute). Optical fibres of visible and invisible colours (detectable by UV light).

¹ Please note that the previous format of the phytosanitary export certificate was circulated in document [G/SPS/GEN/1467](#).

	<p>Chemically reactive. Weight: 90 g/m²</p> <p>Hologram: Ecuadorian Coat of Arms used as the predominant image: 2D/3D</p> <p>Heat application: Form: Circular Size: Diameter of 15 mm Stamped: Thermally Support: Metallized Content: Microtext, nano text, high-resolution, -definition and -brightness images.</p> <p>Special inks: Markings printed in invisible security ink with yellow fluorescence upon reaction to UV light, based on duly approved designs.</p> <p>Bar codes: Fixed with visible magnetic black ink, with yellow fluorescence upon exposure to UV light.</p> <p>Printing: Offset, full colour front.</p> <p>Design: Anti-scan security background with microtext, based on approved models.</p>
Texts	Based on approved models.
Size	INEN A4 format, 21 cm x 29.7 cm
Numbering	Normal ink. 21 digits, including the letter "P" in upper case at the end.

4. In order to maintain the security of the NPPOs of importing countries and prevent delays or disruptions to trade, the Agency for Plant and Animal Health Regulation and Control will continue to use the SIZCE platform for the verification of phytosanitary certificates. The platform can be accessed at:

<https://sistemas.agrocalidad.gob.ec/sizse/publicAgr/publicCertFitSvAgr.aspx>.

5. An example of the new format is available at:

<https://agrobox.agrocalidad.gob.ec/agrobox/data/public/539aa8--es>.

6. It should be noted that this information will also be available on the IPPC website.

7. For further information, please email relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec.