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NEW SECURITY MEASURES IN PAPER PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINA

The following communication, received on 5 November 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

1. Argentina wishes to notify the implementation, from 4 November 2020, of new security measures in phytosanitary certificates, phytosanitary certificates for re-export and their respective supplementary certificates for exports of plants, plant products and other regulated articles, in accordance with the specifications set forth in International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) ISPM No. 12 "Phytosanitary Certificates". These measures apply to phytosanitary certificates issued on paper.

2. The new format for phytosanitary certificates for export and re-export may be downloaded from the IPPC website at:

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/argentina/countrynews/2020/11/argentina-new-security-measures-for-phytosanitary-certificate-in-paper/>.

3. The following new security measures have been implemented:

1- Security measures specific to the paper:

- 1.1. Controlled issuance security paper weighing 90 g/m², with no fluorescence upon exposure to UV light (365 nm).
- 1.2. Duotone watermark visible against light.
- 1.3. Presence of invisible fibres with green and blue fluorescence, visible under UV light (365 nm).
- 1.4. Irreversible colour reactions upon contact with chemical substances (protection against falsification).
- 1.5. Paper dimensions: A4 (21 cm x 29.7 cm).

2- Visible security measures

- 2.1. Box formed of microtext located in the upper left corner. The text reads "SERVICIO NACIONAL DE SANIDAD Y CALIDAD AGROALIMENTARIA" (National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service (SENASA)) and is visible with a 10x magnifying glass.
- 2.2. Next to the box is a guilloche rosette, consisting of continuous and unbroken lines.
- 2.3. A coin and soft metal reactive SENASA isotype is located in the upper right corner and may be verified by scratching the area with a coin.
- 2.4. Central background image:
 - 2.4a. Letters of the abbreviation "senasa" are written in microtext of a varying thickness.
 - 2.4b. Background design surrounded by an aura effect.
- 2.5. Anti-photocopy background. The message "ES COPIA" (COPY) appears when a dry toner copy of the certificate is made (whether this message is successfully activated depends on the technology used).
- 2.6. "Documento Oficial Senasa" (Official SENASA document) is written in white text on background lines.
- 2.7. Printing in the side margins is composed of grey, blue and light blue lines.

- 3- Invisible security measures
 - 3.1. Security background visible only under UV light (365 nm).
 - 3.2. Microtext of a varying size.
 - 3.3. Invisible lines added to side margin printing.
 - 3.4. SENASA isologotype located in the centre of the upper margin.
 - 3.5. SENASA isotype (coin reactive ink) with yellow fluorescence under UV light (365 nm).
 - 4- Reverse side security measures
 - 4.1. Barcode for control and numbering purposes (information to be used exclusively by SENASA).
4. The documents are issued via an IT system and are accompanied by a Single Electronic Validation Code (CUVE), which enables the user to consult the content of the document and verify its validity by entering this code on the SENASA website. In addition, a QR code has been added as an alternative way to consult the content and validity of the document.
5. Prior to the definitive implementation of the new format, certificates with the current security measures will continue to be valid and will be used in parallel with the new version for an estimated period of four months.
6. For more information, please email dnpv@senasa.gov.ar.
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