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**MEASURES CONCERNING PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES AIMED AT THE
FACILITATION OF TRADE IN VIEW OF ISSUES ARISING FROM
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHILE

The following communication, dated 1 April 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

1. Whereas measures adopted by various countries to avoid contagion from the spread of the COVID-19 virus – including times of restricted mobility for persons, periods of restricted and controlled traffic, limitations on commercial flights and suspension of postal services – result in exporting enterprises being unable to physically convey phytosanitary certificates to ports of destination for goods, or in such certificates arriving after shipments.

2. Also, aware that various national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) are receiving scanned copies of phytosanitary certificates to ensure the fluidity of foreign trade, the Agriculture and Livestock Service of Chile (SAG) hereby states as follows:

3. The SAG is making the following URL available to all NPPOs:
<http://multipuerto.sag.gob.cl/visitante/busquedaFito.asp>.

- i. Through this URL, NPPOs will be able to verify and obtain directly from the SAG certification system an image of all original data in the phytosanitary certificate, so as to guarantee the authenticity of any copies that processing entities submit from their respective countries (a scanned image, a photo or any other copy of the original phytosanitary certificate), with only the corresponding phytosanitary certificate number being required.
- ii. To download the document, enter the corresponding phytosanitary certificate number and select the required language (Spanish/English), as shown below:

Verificación Certificado Fitosanitario (CF) / Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) Verification	
*N° Certificado / Certificate Number	<input type="text"/>
Idioma Certificado / Language Certificate	<input type="text" value="Español/Spanish"/>
<input type="button" value="Buscar Certificado / Search Certificate"/>	
* Datos Requeridos / Required Data	

4. It is thus hoped to contribute to the timely release of goods and ensure that the exportation process runs as smoothly as possible.

5. We kindly request that the above information is circulated for use in existing plant health controls at the entry points of all countries concerned.

6. In the case of imports, the SAG will accept the submission of a scanned image of the phytosanitary certificate, as an alternative for importers that do not have the original document, originating from an official NPPO e-mail and sent to the IPPC contact point for Chile cipf.puntocontacto@sag.gob.cl and the following mail addresses: alvaro.sepulveda@sag.gob.cl, roberto.mir@sag.gob.cl, juan.villalobos@sag.gob.cl, leticia.venegas@sag.gob.cl and vladimir.ovalle@sag.gob.cl. Certificates that can also be verified in the NPPO certification system will also be accepted.

7. Lastly, Chile states that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
