

**INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION
INTERNSHIPS IN CHILE**

Communication from Chile

The following communication, dated 21 June 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

1. The Chilean Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) is the official body in charge of animal and plant health in the country and of certification of fitness for human consumption of primary export foods, in addition to which it also carries out functions relating to other WTO agreements.
2. A number of internships are usually offered every year in the SAG at the request of different countries; however, it has not always been possible to fully meet the demand at any given moment, since the professionals working in this service have to attend to their usual business.
3. The SAG, taking advantage of its expertise in the areas of plant and animal health, seeds, laboratories, renewable natural resources, accreditation and quality management, border control protection, and the WTO system of notification of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, developed a schedule of technical cooperation activities for countries and international organizations consisting mainly of internships in Chile, providing details of the subjects and specifying the dates for each activity.
4. This procedure was designed to ensure transparency and to provide equal access to the technical cooperation on offer.
5. The subjects offered are listed, together with the dates, duration, places available and a brief description, on the SAG website at <http://www.sag.gob.cl>
6. This offer of cooperation will be reviewed or confirmed on an annual basis according to the results achieved and the demand.
7. The internships are open to officials from public services similar to the SAG.
8. Candidates address a letter of application from the senior management of their organization to the National Director of the SAG at least thirty days prior to the scheduled date of the internship. If an organization puts forward more than one candidate, the letter should list the applicants in order of priority.

9. Travel and accommodation costs are paid by the applicant organization or are financed by other cooperation organizations.

10. For any further information, the SAG focal point is the person responsible for international technical cooperation offers in the International Affairs Division: Guillermo Hormazabal A., e-mail: Guillermo.hormazabal@sag.gob.cl. Tel.: +(56-2) 3451579 and +(56-2) 3451576.
