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

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, received on 17 September 2014, 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. Executive Decree No. 285 of 18 March 2010, issued by the Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador, Rafael Correa Delgado, provides for the implementation, as part of the country's foreign trade policy and national procedure simplification strategy, of Ecuador's Single Window for Foreign Trade (VUE) 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 the Ecuadorian Agency for Agricultural Product Quality Assurance (AGROCALIDAD) must introduce a computerized system for the registration of applications for animal and plant health import and export certificates, in line with the policies of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (MAGAP).

4. As of 2 October 2014, animal health permits, plant health permits, authorizations for the importation of pesticides and related products and sanitary authorizations for the importation of veterinary products will be issued by AGROCALIDAD electronically.

5. Animal and plant health permits and authorizations for the importation of pesticides and of veterinary products will have to be requested through the Ecuapass System by selecting "VUE" (Single Window) on the website <https://portal.aduana.gob.ec>.

6. Import operators will receive an electronic response, which may be consulted at <https://portal.aduana.gob.ec>.

7. The validity of the documents generated by Ecuador's Single Window can be checked once they have been approved by selecting "VUE" (Single Window), clicking on "*Consultar información de certificado digital*" (View digital certificate information) and entering the application number ("*Número de solicitud*") and/or the number of the approved document ("*Número de emisión de certificado*"). This web page can also be accessed directly at https://vuedev.aduana.gob.ec/vpt_server/vpt_flex/ctft_inqr.html.

8. Animal and plant health import requirements are available for consultation on the AGROCALIDAD website at <http://181.112.155.173/agrodb/aplicaciones/publico>.

9. Any questions concerning the above procedures may be addressed to the International Relations Department of AGROCALIDAD at the following email address: relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec.
