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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>Argentina</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria, SENASA</i> (National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Live animals, animal reproductive material and derivatives of animal origin, as well as goods containing these products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Proyecto de Modificación de la Resolución SENASA N° 117/2002 y sus modificatorias. Metodología para el Análisis de Riesgo de importaciones de animales vivos, su material reproductivo y derivados de origen animal, así como de mercaderías que los contengan, en relación con el riesgo de introducción en el país de EEB</i> (Draft Amendment to SENASA Resolution No. 117/2002 and the amendments thereto. Methodology for the import risk analysis of live animals, animal reproductive material and derivatives of animal origin, as well as goods containing these products, in relation to the risk of the introduction into Argentina of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 10 Text available at: http://www.senasa.gov.ar/prensa/Home/consulta_publica/215/PROYECTO_799_y_117_dic_2014_MODIF_JURID_.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified draft text proposes to amend the methodology for the BSE import risk analysis of live animals, animal reproductive material and derivatives of animal origin, as well as goods containing these products. This risk management methodology is being updated in the light of World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) recommendations in the chapters corresponding to BSE of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, as well as available scientific and technical information.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Section 2: Risk analysis, Chapter 2.1.: Import risk analysis; Section 11: Bovidae, Chapter 11.4.: Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Former Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food (SAGPyA) Resolution (<i>Resolución</i>) No. 1052/2002; SENASA Resolution No. 315/2006; and OIE Resolution No. 27/2007 recognizing Argentina as a "negligible BSE-risk country" (available in Spanish); "Supporting Document for Chapter 2.3.13. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy" of October 2006 of the European Commission Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) and European Food Safety Authority (EFSA); and World Health Organization (WHO) document "WHO Guidelines on Tissue Infectivity Distribution in Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies", published in 2006 and updated in 2010 (available in English), <i>inter alia</i>.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After the close of the comment period</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After adoption</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Upon publication in the Official Journal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2015</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASA) Coordinación de Relaciones Internacionales Tel.: (+54 11) 4121-5353 Fax: (+54 11) 4121-5360 E-mail: relint@senasa.gov.ar Website: http://www.senasa.gov.ar/</p>