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NEW PHYTOSANITARY EXPORT CERTIFICATE FORMAT

COMMUNICATION FROM ECUADOR

The following communication, received on 9 January 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Ecuador</u>.

1. The Government of Ecuador hereby advises that the NPPO of Ecuador, the Ecuadorian Agency for Agricultural Product Quality Assurance (AGROCALIDAD), has adopted a new format for phytosanitary export certificates.

2. The phytosanitary export certificate format meets the recommendations set forth in International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 12, as adopted by Ecuador.

3. A sample of the new format is available at: <u>http://www.agrocalidad.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/CFE-NUEVO-FORMATO-NOTIFICACI%C3%93N-SPECIMEN.pdf</u>.

4. The new phytosanitary export certificate format will enter into force on Monday, 4 January 2016. Phytosanitary certificates issued in the old format will remain in effect until 10 March 2016, after which date only new-format phytosanitary certificates will be valid.

5. For any enquiries, please email: <u>relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec</u>.