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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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

COMMUNICATION FROM COLOMBIA

Revision

The following communication, received on 16 July 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Colombia</u>.

- 1. Given that the health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic makes it impossible to send paper versions of phytosanitary certificates due to the reduction in, and restrictions on, international flights;
- 2. Considering that steps must be taken to facilitate the export process for plants, plant products, and other regulated items, while ensuring the timely submission of phytosanitary certificates to the plant health authorities of importing Members and mitigating the risks arising from contact between inspectors and users; and
- 3. Mindful that various National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) have introduced alternative ways to submit plant and animal health certificates in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) wishes to notify the following:
 - i. A new procedure has been established for issuing phytosanitary certificates that incorporates an electronic signature into documents through a scanned image directly from the Colombian Health Information System for Agricultural and Livestock Imports and Exports (SISPAP); a QR code is included to guarantee the authenticity of the certificate issued.
 - ii. The electronic signature has been used for certificates since 6 June 2020 in order to ensure compliance with the preventive lockdown measures recommended by the health authorities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- iii. This new procedure for issuing phytosanitary certificates was notified, through Colombia's consulates and embassies, to NPPOs throughout the world, in accordance with International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) guidelines.
- iv. The new phytosanitary certificates contain an electronic signature and a QR code that replaces the ICA's former physical stamp. It should be noted that the new phytosanitary certificate is an original document, not a copy, and no other version may subsequently be submitted by the importer.
- v. Countries may validate the authenticity of certificates through the following URL: https://afrodita.ica.gov.co/consultas.cfe/AddCONSULTAS.CFEPage.aspx.
- 4. Furthermore, in order to be able to count on the valuable cooperation of WTO Members, we kindly request that copies of phytosanitary certificates issued by the ICA be accepted and recognised.

- 5. We attach hereto instructions (in English and Spanish) for verifying phytosanitary certificates both through the URL and using the QR code. Further information may be requested by email from asuntos.internacionales@ica.gov.co or margarita.lubo@ica.gov.co.
- 6. We also attach, for information purposes, a model of the ICA phytosanitary certificate that will be submitted during the inspection process.
- 7. Lastly, Colombia emphasizes that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.

ANNEX 1 - PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONS (SPANISH)



INSTRUCTIVO PARA LA CONSULTA DEL CERTIFICADO FITOSANITARIO DE EXPORTACIÓN, CFEI.

Siga las indicaciones a continuación:

Ingresar al Sistema de Información Sanitario para Importación y Exportación de Productos Agrícolas y Pecuarios-SISPAP, a través del Link:

https://afrodita.ica.gov.co/CONSULTAS_CFE/AddCONSULTAS_CFEPage.aspx







Ingresar los datos de ID CFE y No. CFE que se encuentran en el Certificado Fitosanitario a validar.





Ingresar los datos de la persona que realiza la consulta: **Nombre, E-mail, Entidad Fitosanitaria.**



4.

Por último, se procede a dar clic sobre el botón de consulta, y automaticamente el sistema emitirá el reporte en el que se podrá validar la información consignada en el Certificado Fitosanitario de Exportación-CFE, emitido por el ICA.





De igual manera, se puede consultar el **Certificado Fitosanitario** a través de la **verificación del código QR**.





ANNEX 2 - PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONS (ENGLISH)



REQUEST ON PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONS

1.

The way to enter the Web system is:

Enter the system making a link on:

https://afrodita.ica.gov.co/CONSULTAS_CFE/AddCONSULTAS_CFEPage.aspx







Enter the ID an Number the Phytosanitary Certificate – to validate.





Enter the information of the person making the request: Name, e.mail, Sanitary entity.



4.

Last, proceed to click on the consulting button; and the system will automatically issue the report in which you will be able to validate the information on the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by ICA.







When entering, it will issue the report in which you will be able to validate the information on the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by ICA.







ANNEX 3 - MODEL ICA PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE (SPANISH/ENGLISH)

REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA



ICA ICA ID: 788855

CERTIFICADO FITOSANITARIO PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE





Agencia: AGENCIA DE CARGA KUEHNE + NAGEL SAS

No. CFE-01-000035-20

ORGANIZACIÓN DE PROTECCIÓN FITOSANITARIA PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION

A: ORGANIZATION(ES) DE PROTECCION FITOSANITARIA TO: PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS

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DE: RUSSIA

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DE: COLOMBIA

OF: COLOMBIA DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT DESCRIPCION DEL ENVIO NOMBRE Y DIRECCIÓN DE EXPORTADOR THE ELITE FLOWER SAS C I - CR 7 12 C 28 OF 1005 - 800141506.

NOMBRE Y DIRECCIÓN DEL DESTINATARIO - DKF COLOUR RUSH B.V / TRUCK SAGIR // - ELENA FLOWERS / TRUCK KUBAN LOGISTIC Name and address of consignes

NÚMERO Y DESCRIPCIÓN DE LOS

30 CAJAS/BOXES

60 PIEZAS

Number and description of packages MARCAS DISTINTIVAS

Name and address of the Exporter

Distinguishing marks

Marcas distintivas

LUGAR DE ORIGEN

COLOMBIA - Bogotá D.C. - Aeropuerto El dorado

Place of origin

MEDIOS DE TRANSPORTE

DECLARADOS Declared means of conveyance

PUERTO DE ENTRADA DECLARADO Declared point of entry

ABAKAN

Lease: NO BOUQUETS

NOMBRE DEL PRODUCTO, NOMBRE BOTANICO DE LAS PLANTAS Y CANTIDAD DECLARADA Name of product, botanical name of plants and quantity declared RUSCUS RUSCUS RUSCUS

1000

UNIDADES/ UNITS

HORTENSIA O HYDRANGEAS CRISANTEMO MORIFOLIUM

Hydrangea sp. Chrysanthemum x morifolium

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FIRMA - SIGNATURE

DECLARACION ADICIONAL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Consignment of plant material originates and has been grown in a production site free from the quarantine pests specified in the Decision № 157 (dated 30.11.2016) of the Council of Eurasian Economic Commission

Por la presente se certifica que las plantas, productos vegetales u otros artículos reglamentados descritos aqui sa han inspeccionado y/o sometido a ensayo de acuerdo con los procedimientos oficiales adecuados y se considera que están libres de plagas cuarentenarias especificas por el país importador y que cumplen con los requerimientos fitosanitarios vigentes del país importador, incluidos los relativos a las plagas no cuarentenarias reglamentadas.

This is to certify that the plants, plants products or others regulated articles described here have been inspected and/or submitted to test according to the official appropriate procedures and are considered to be free from quarantine pests, specified by the importing country and agree with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importes country including the non reglamented quarantine pest.

TRATAMIENTO O DESINFESTACION O DESINFECCION DESINFESTATION OR DESINFECTION TREATMENT Fecha Tratamiento Date Treatment Producto Químico (Ingrediente activo) Chemical (active ingredient) Concentración (Concentration) Duración y temperatura ICA 🔻 (Duration and temperature) Información adicional (Additional information) Lugar y fecha de expedición 27-may-2020 Place and date of issue Bogotá D.C. - Aeropuerto El dorado Alejandua failas A Nombre del funcionario autorizado ALEJANDRA FARIAS ARIAS Name of authorized office

El Grupo de Prevención de Riesgos Fitosanitarios del ICA, sus funcionarios y representantes declinan toda responsabilidad financ No financial liability with respect to this Certificate shall attach to Phytosanitary Risk Prevention Group of the ICA or to any its Puede consultar el CFE desde: https://afrodita.ica.gov.co/consultas cfe/AddCONSULTAS CFEPage.aspx