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## NEW PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE

## COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINA

The following communication, dated 24 May 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Argentina</u>.

1. The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Argentina hereby advises that, since 1 March 2022, phytosanitary certificates, phytosanitary certificates for re-export and their respective supplementary certificates issued by Argentina for exports of plants, plant products and other regulated articles have been printed on white A4 paper without security measures specific to paper.

2. The certificate templates with security measures currently being used will remain valid and will be used simultaneously with the new version for an estimated period of three months.

3. As has been the case in Argentina for many years, the certificates are issued through a computerized system, with a single electronic validation code (CUVE) printed on the certificates, allowing the content of the certificates to be consulted at <a href="https://aps2.senasa.gov.ar/vdc/faces/consulta.jsp">https://aps2.senasa.gov.ar/vdc/faces/consulta.jsp</a>.

4. The content and validity of certificates can also be consulted using the QR code printed on each certificate.

5. Argentina hereby reminds all countries that it continues to implement electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) developed under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Countries that are connected to the IPPC's central server (Hub) will have access to the electronic equivalents of paper-based phytosanitary certificates issued by Argentina.

6. For further information, please contact <u>dnpv@senasa.gov.ar</u>.