NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ARGENTINA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria*, SENASA (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):** Fresh bananas (*Musa* spp.) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Colombia |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de fruto fresco de Musa spp. (Banana)* (Phytosanitary requirements governing the importation of fresh bananas (*Musa* spp.)) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text establishes phytosanitary requirements for imports of fresh bananas on the basis of a pest risk analysis.  The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of the exporting country is to issue a phytosanitary certificate containing the following additional declaration:  "The consignment has been inspected and is free from: *Aspidiotus destructor*, *Pseudococcus elisae*, *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi*, *Mycosphaerella fijiensis* and *Selenaspidus articulatus*". |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*** International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Nos 2 and 11  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 June 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 June 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 15 June 2018  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** Not applicable.  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Ministerio de Agroindustria* (Ministry of Agro-Industry)  *Subsecretaría de Relaciones Agroindustriales Internacionales* (Under-Secretariat for International Agro-Industrial Relations)  Azopardo 1025, Piso 12, Oficina 5 (CP 1063)  Buenos Aires, Argentina  Tel.: (+54 11) 4363 6208  Fax: (+54 11) 4363 6329  Email: sps-argentina@magyp.gob.ar  maxmor@magyp.gob.ar |
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