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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DIV. OF PRODUCTION AND PLANT PROTECTION (AGDID)  
VIALE DELLE TERME DI CARACALLA 00153 ROME-ITALY**

Dear IPPC Contact Points,

I hereby inform you that as of September 21, 2020, the Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) will change the way in which Phytosanitary Certificates (PCs) are delivered. As of that date, our NPPO will stop issuing PCs on paper with security measures and their issuance will be in digital format, which will consider the following characteristics:

- Each PC will be issued with an Advanced Electronic Signature of the State of Chile.
- Each PC contains a QR code, which allows it to be viewed, validated and authenticated online.
- Each PC will be electronically stamped with the stamp of the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture.

Considering that the new way of issuing Phytosanitary Certificates has contemplated the QR code, the Advanced Electronic Signature, and the electronic seal with the Stamp of the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, the PCs will be printed on paper, without measures of security.

Additionally, as a complementary security measure, the Web page implemented as a result of Covid-19 will continue to operate, so that each PC issued by the Agricultural and Livestock Service may be reviewed and validated through the following encrypted link:

<http://multipuerto.sag.gob.cl/visitante/busquedaFito.asp>

Keep in mind that the Agricultural and Livestock Service has determined a transition period until November 30, 2020, during which time the currently valid forms will be in circulation simultaneously with the new ones, for which the NPPO could receive valid PCs issued with fresh signature and with electronic signature.

Additionally, the modality of issuing certificates with a fresh signature, on paper with security measures (currently in force format), will be maintained as an alternative for contingency situations.

If you have any questions in this regard, do not hesitate to contact the Plant Protection Division of the SAG at the following emails:

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I thank you in advance for your willingness and collaboration to maintain the fluidity in the commercial exchange of merchandise of plant origin, for the benefit of both parties, as well as reiterating our commitment to guarantee that the Phytosanitary Certificates issued by the Agricultural and Livestock Service comply with the guidelines of ISPM 12 of the IPPC.

Finally, I attach for knowledge copies of the Phytosanitary Certificate and Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export.

Kind regards,

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