

ANNEX VI

SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Article 1

Objective

The objective of the present Annex is to facilitate trade, between the Signatory Parties in animals and animal products, plants, and plant products, and any other regulated articles or any other product, deemed to require sanitary and phytosanitary measures, included in the Preferential Trade Agreement between MERCOSUR and SACU, whilst safeguarding human, animal and plant health.

Article 2

Multilateral Obligations

The Signatory Parties confirm their rights and obligations established in the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization, by virtue of article 23 of the Preferential Trade Agreement between MERCOSUR and SACU.

Article 3

Transparency

The Signatory Parties agree to exchange the following information:

- a) Any changes in the sanitary and phytosanitary status, including important epidemiological findings which may affect the Signatory Parties trade;
- b) Result of inspections and verifications within a 60-day term, which may be extended for a similar period in case of appropriate justification;
- c) Result of import controls in case the goods were rejected or considered noncompliant with official requirements, no further than a 48 hour term.

Article 4

Consultations on Specific Trade Concerns

1. The Signatory Parties agree to create a consultation mechanism to facilitate the settlement of problems arising from the adoption and application of sanitary or phytosanitary measures, in order to prevent these measures from becoming unjustifiable barriers to trade.

2. The competent official authorities, as defined in Article 5 of this Annex, shall implement the mechanism established in paragraph 1, as follows:

- a) The exporting Signatory Party affected by a sanitary or phytosanitary measure shall inform the importing Signatory Party of this concern through the form established in Annex 1 and communicate this to the Joint Administration Committee.

- b) The importing Signatory Party shall respond to the request, in writing, before a thirty-day term specifying whether the measure:
- Conforms to an international standard, guideline or recommendation, in which case, it should be identified by the importing Party; or
 - Is based on an international standard, guideline or recommendation. In this case, the importing Party shall supply the scientific justification and other information to support the aspects differing from the international standard, guideline or recommendation; or
 - Results in a higher level of protection for the importing Party otherwise than through an international standard, guideline or recommendation. In this case, the importing Party shall supply the scientific justification for such measure, including the description of the risk/risks to be avoided and, if pertinent, the risk assessment; or
 - In the absence of an international standard, guideline or recommendation, the importing Party shall supply a scientific justification for such measure, including the description of the risk/risks to be avoided and, if pertinent, the risk assessment.
- c) Additional technical consultations may be made, whenever necessary, to analyze and suggest any procedures to overcome difficulties, within a 60-day term.
- d) In case the exporting Signatory Party finds the mentioned consultations to be satisfactory, a joint report shall be submitted to the Joint Administration Committee. If a satisfactory solution is not reached, each Signatory Party shall pass its report to the Joint Administration Committee.

Article 5

Competent Official Authorities

For the purpose of implementing the preceding provisions, the competent official authorities are the following:

For MERCOSUR:

Argentina

Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentos – SAGPyA (Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food Secretariat)
Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria – SENASA (Animals, Plants and Food Safety and Quality National Service)
Administración Nacional de Alimentos, Medicamentos y Tecnología Médica – ANMAT (National Administration of Food, Medicines and Medical Technology)
Instituto Nacional de Alimentos – INAL (National Food Institute)

Brazil

Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento – MAPA (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply)

Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária - ANVISA (National Health Surveillance Agency)

Paraguay

Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas – SENAVE (National Service for Health and Quality Plants and Seeds)
Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería – MAG (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)
Subsecretaría de Estado de Ganadería - SSEG - (Under Secretariat of Livestock)
Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Salud Animal – SENACSA - (National Service for Quality and Animal Health)

Uruguay

Dirección General de Servicios Agrícolas/MGAP DSSA (General Directorate of Plants Inspection Services/ Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries)
Dirección General de Recursos Acuáticos/MGAP – DINARA (General Directorate of Aquatic Resources/ General Directorate of Livestock/Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries)
Dirección General de Servicios Ganaderos/MGAP - DSSG (General Directorate of Livestock/Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries)
Dirección Nacional de Salud/MSP (National Health Office/Ministry of Health)

For SACU:

Botswana

Measure: Animal Health
Contact Director
Department of Veterinary Services
Ministry of Agriculture
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Gaborone

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Measure: Plant Health
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Department of Plant Protection
Ministry of Agriculture
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Lesotho

Measure: Phytosanitary / plant health
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Lesotho
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Lesotho

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Namibia

Measure: Phytosanitary / Plant health
Contact: Director of Law Enforcement
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Private Bag 13184
WINDHOEK
Namibia

Language: English
Telephone: (264 61) 208 7461
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Measure: Animal health
Contact: Director Veterinary Services
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Namibia

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South Africa

Measure: Phytosanitary / plant health
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South Africa

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Measure: Food safety
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Measure: Competent National Authority under the
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, & Registrar of the Genetically
Modified Organisms Act
Title/Position: Director: Genetic Resources Management

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Measure: Plant Breeders' Rights Act
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Swaziland

Measure: Phytosanitary / plant health
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MALKERNS

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Measure: Sanitary / Animal health
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Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
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MANZINI

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Measure: Sanitary / Animal health
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Ministry of Agriculture and
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MBABANE

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