

PRE-LISTING SYSTEM BETWEEN THE EU AND ARGENTINA FOR IMPORTING PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN INTO ARGENTINA

Introduction

The European Commission and the Argentine National Service for Agrifood Health and Quality (SENASA) have agreed after intensive negotiations on a pre-listing system, whereby any European plant making products of animal origin wishing to export to Argentina must be included on a preliminary list notified by the competent authority of each Member State and sent to SENASA centrally by the European Union Delegation in Argentina. In this way, SENASA accepts the preliminary list to comply with the initial requirements of Resolution 816/2002, without prejudice to any periodic visits that SENASA may choose to make in accordance with the provisions of the said Resolution.

All the establishments listed by the European Commission come under the official and regular supervision of the competent authorities of each Member State of the European Union, which ensure that the establishments comply with European legislation, in particular that on hygiene and animal health. This system of official checks is regularly inspected/audited by the European Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO).

I. Procedure for including an establishment in the pre-listing system:

1. In order for a plant to be included in the pre-listing system, the product that it wishes to export must have a bilateral health certificate agreed between SENASA and the competent authority of the country of origin. (See section III – List of products authorized for pre-listing)
2. The exporting undertaking must send its application to the competent authority of the European Union Member State in which the plant is located. The application may be sent to the competent authority by e-mail or ordinary mail. (See section II – List of Contact Points in the Member States with authorization).
3. The competent authority of the Member State must then inform the European Union Delegation in Buenos Aires of the plant's inclusion. This information must be provided in Spanish and preferably in Excel format. As a minimum requirement, the competent authority must indicate the plant's registration number and the trade name of the undertaking and/or plant.
4. The European Union Delegation will inform SENASA of plants added to or removed from the preliminary list or of any changes monthly, between the 1st and 5th of every month. New additions communicated by the Member States up to the last working day of the previous month will be included. To this end, the competent authorities of the Member States must maintain absolute control over any update that has to be carried out and they are required to forward this kind of information to the European Union Delegation in Buenos Aires as promptly as possible. The competent authorities of the Member States are responsible for providing SENASA with the bilateral guarantees in this process. If there are urgent health reasons that require a plant to be removed from the list (see also point 6), the competent authority of the Member State must inform SENASA immediately and without delay, with the European Union Delegation in Buenos Aires in copy.
5. SENASA will have 15 working days in which to object to the modifications submitted by the EU; once the deadline has passed, the preliminary list shall be considered to have been accepted and products may be exported normally.
6. Information will be provided to SENASA outside these time periods only in exceptional circumstances and in cases of an urgent nature. For this reason, exporters are asked to arrange the pre-listing in sufficiently good time.

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III. Products authorized for pre-listing

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- A: Authorised by SENASA for pre-listing – valid bilateral health certificate.
- S: Health certificate agreed but no trade – may require updating, consult SENASA
- P: Preliminary list already submitted by the Member State