

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service (SENASA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Plants, their parts, products and by-products. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Network of Plant Laboratories
5.	Description of content: To authorise the National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service (SENASA) to incorporate into the Network of officially recognized laboratories those laboratories that so request, with a view to the detection of pests and quarantine diseases as well as micro-biological identification and testing for residues. When the analyses are carried out in the SENASA central laboratory, fees relating to the analysis of samples and counter samples and those conducted, where appropriate, by the health authorities or at the request of the applicant, are borne by the persons concerned. Importers will be able to chose whether the corresponding analyses are carried out by the SENASA central laboratory or by those that are registered and authorised as part of the Network, as indicated by the responsible official of the Local Office carrying out the inspection itself. SENASA will not be involved in the payments due for the service when it is carried out by laboratories belonging to the Network.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: [X]. There are no deviations from international standards or guidelines.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Resolution 1321/99
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 July 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2000

11. Final date for comments: 23 June 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

12. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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