

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>COLOMBIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA)
3.	<b>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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Foodstuffs
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Communication from Ecuador Accepting the Justification of the Declaration of Pest-Free Areas (1 page)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Greater clarity has been given to some provisions of the text, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Acceptance of the justification of the declaration of pest-free areas dealt with in Articles 1 and 2 of Resolution 01384 of 9 July 1999.</li><li>- Colombia will accept the phytosanitary certificates issued by SESA stating that products come from pest-free areas and comply with the requirements of Articles 1 and 2 of Resolution 01384 of 9 July 1999.</li><li>- Checks can be made to ensure that the areas referred to in the request submitted by the health authorities of Ecuador and accepted by the competent Colombian authorities remain pest-free.</li></ul>
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Communication No. 08935 of 6 September 1999 from the Colombian Agricultural Institute
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 6 September 1999
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 6 September 1999

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| <b>11.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b><br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ X ] <b>National notification authority,</b> [ ] <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Colombian Agricultural Institute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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