

# 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>VENEZUELA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Land / Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA)
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>  <b>Chapter I: 01.05:</b> 01.05.92.00, 01.05.93.00, 01.05.99.00. Live adult birds and one (1) day-old chicks.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries and regions which report outbreaks of poultry diseases in their territory.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Resolution Implementing a Programme Establishing Nueva Esparta State as an Area Free From Poultry Diseases (3 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Resolution provides for the implementation of a programme establishing Nueva Esparta State as an area free from poultry diseases, based on a comprehensive assessment of its poultry health situation.  The entry of live adult birds from other regions is therefore restricted until the assessment phase is completed. All batches of live adult birds, the final destination of which is Nueva Esparta State, will also be subject to mandatory quarantine.  The Nueva Esparta State Poultry Health Commission, comprising representatives of the State Agricultural Development Unit (UEDA) of the Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), the State government, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the Armed Forces (FAC) and producers from the region, will be set up to implement and monitor this programme.  Furthermore, natural and legal persons who market one (1) day-old chicks to Nueva Esparta State will be required to obtain from their suppliers a certificate issued by the animal health authorities of the place of origin guaranteeing that batches are free from poultry diseases.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ X ] protect territory from other damage from pests

<b>8.</b>	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Official Gazette of the Republic of Venezuela No. 36,711, Resolution DM (Office of the Minister)/No. 266 (available in Spanish).
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 25 May 1999
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 28 May 1999
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Although the measure has already been adopted and entered into force, comments will be accepted for 60 days following submission of the notification by the Permanent Mission to the Central Registry of Notifications for subsequent amendments. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), Av. Lecuna, Torre Este, 12 <sup>th</sup> floor, Parque Central, El Conde, Caracas, Venezuela. Tel.: (58 212) 509-0140 / 509-0184 / 509-0315 / 509-0378 Fax: (58 212) 509-0376 E-mail: mat_sasa@yahoo.es
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), Av. Lecuna, Torre Este, 12 <sup>th</sup> floor, Parque Central, El Conde, Caracas, Venezuela. Tel.: (58 212) 509-0140 / 509-0184 / 509-0315 / 509-0378 Fax: (58 212) 509-0376 E-mail: mat_sasa@yahoo.es