

COURTESY TRANSLATION

I am writing to you regarding the phytosanitary requirements for the importation of sunflower seeds (*Helianthus annuus*) from the Germany into Argentina.

In this regard, I would like to inform you that Senasa has been contacted by the Argentine private sector, which has expressed its concern about the restriction in Europe of the use of the fungicide Metalaxyl-M. This fungicide is used to certify consignments of seeds entering our country as free from the quarantine pest *Plasmopara halstedii*.

In view of the above, and in order not to restrict international trade in seeds of *H. annuus*, the current import requirements will be updated. Based on this, for the treatment oriented to the control of *P. halstedii* in sunflower seeds, the use of the active ingredient Oxathiapiprolin (20g/100 ml), registered in our country, will be incorporated as an alternative to Metalaxyl-M.

Below you will find the updated requirements to be certified as additional declarations in the Phytosanitary Certificate:

- The consignment was inspected and found free from: *Trogoderma* spp.
- The consignment comes from an officially inspected crop during the growing season and was found free from **OR** The consignment was found free according to the result of the official laboratory test No. (...) from *Cirsium arvense*.
- The consignment comes from an officially inspected crop during the growing season and was found free from *Orobanche* spp.
- The consignment comes from a crop officially inspected crop during the growing season and was found free from **AND** The consignment underwent following treatment(s) under official supervision for the control of *Plasmopara halstedii*:

Phytosanitary seed treatment:

PRODUCT	DOSAGE
Metalaxyl - M	105 g of active ingredient per 100 kg of seed.
Metalaxyl	210 g of active ingredient per 100 kg of seed.
Oxathiapiprolin (20g/100 ml)	65ml-130 ml of active ingredient per 100 kg of seed.

I also inform you that these updated requirements will be uploaded into our import system as from 15 September 2022.

Kind regards