

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>VENEZUELA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Land / Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA)
3. 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): Chapter VI: 06.01: 06.01.20.00 Chapter VII: 07.03: 07.03.10.00 Whole onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>) plants and parts thereof, including bulbs
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Countries where the species is found and where it is affected by the pests specified in point 6 below.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution Restricting the Importation of Whole Onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>) Plants and Parts Thereof, Including Bulbs (3 pages, in Spanish).
6. Description of content: This Resolution restricts the importation of whole onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>) plants and parts thereof, including bulbs, from countries where the following pests exist: <i>Acrolepia assectella, Acrolepiopsis sapporensis, Agriotes lineatus, Agriotes sputator, Agrotis segetum, Autographa gamma, Brachycerus albidentatus, Brachycerus algerus, Delia antiqua, Delia platura, Dyspessa ulula, Mamestra brassicae, Neotoxoptera formosana, Spodoptera littoralis, Puccinia allii, Urocystis cepulae</i> and <i>Aphelenchoides fragariae</i> . Importation of the seed of this species will be permitted, subject to a risk analysis of each individual case. The purpose of this Resolution is to protect the horticultural production of onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>) plants and parts thereof (including bulbs) from quarantine pests for Venezuela which could affect such production as a result of the importation into the country of living material of this horticultural species from countries where it is found and where it is affected by these pests.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests

8.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Official Gazette of the Republic of Venezuela No. 36,570, Resolution DM (Office of the Minister)/No. 631 (available in Spanish).</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 29 October 1998</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 29 October 1998</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: Although the measure has already been adopted and entered into force, comments will be accepted within 60 days of submission of the notification by the Permanent Mission to the Central Registry of Notifications for subsequent amendments.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), Av. Lecuna, Torre Este, 12th 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</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), Av. Lecuna, Torre Este, 12th 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</p>