

**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>VENEZUELA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Land / Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA)
<b>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):</b> <b>Chapter VII: 07.01</b> Whole potato ( <i>Solanum spp.</i> ) plants and parts thereof (including tubers)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Countries where the species is found and where it is affected by the pests specified in point 6 below.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Resolution Restricting the Importation of Whole Potato ( <i>Solanum spp.</i> ) Plants and Parts Thereof, Including Tubers (3 pages, in Spanish).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Resolution restricts the importation of whole potato ( <i>Solanum spp.</i> ) plants and parts thereof, including tubers, from countries where the following pests exist: <i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata, Agriotes lineatus, Agriotes obscurus, Agriotes sputator, Agrotis segetum, Omophlus lepturoides, Nacobbus aberrans, Globodera pallida, Colletotrichum coccodes, Geotrichum candidum, Helicobasidium brebissonii, Helicobasidium purpureum, Helminthosporium solani, Oospora pustulans, Phoma exigua var. exigua, Phoma exigua var. foveata, Pythium vexans, Potato Virus A (PVA), Potato Virus M (PVM), Potato Virus T (PVT), Tobacco Ringspot Virus (TRSV), Tobacco Rattle Virus (TRV), Potato Yellow Vein Disease (PYVD), Beet Curly Top Virus (BCTV), Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV) and Potato Yellow Vein Virus (PYVV).</i>  Importation of seeds of this species (tubers, microtubers, in-vitro plants and sexual seeds) will be permitted, subject to a risk analysis of each individual case.  The purpose of this Resolution is to protect the horticultural production of potato ( <i>Solanum spp.</i> ) plants and parts thereof (including tubers) 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.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Official Gazette of the Republic of Venezuela No. 36,604, Resolution DM (Office of the Minister)/No. 688 (available in Spanish).
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 14 December 1998
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 16 December 1998
12.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 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. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:  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
13.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <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:  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