

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>VENEZUELA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (<i>Servicio Autónomo de Sanidad Agropecuaria – SASA</i>)
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): Section IX: Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork Chapter 44: Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork Subheadings 4401 to 4421
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Phytosanitary measures to reduce the risk of the introduction or spread of quarantine pests associated with wood packaging manufactured from unworked wood and in use in international trade. Official Gazette No. 38.177. Resolution No. 098, published on 2 May 2005. Available in Spanish (2 pages).
6. Description of content: The purpose of this Resolution is to establish procedures for the certification of wood packaging manufactured from unworked wood for export and produced in plants authorized by the Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA), and to regulate wood packaging manufactured from unworked wood accompanying imports. It applies only to packaging used for any plant, plant product, storage place, packaging, conveyance, container, soil and any other organism, object or material capable of harbouring or spreading pests, deemed to require phytosanitary measures, particularly in international transportation. Treatment: Officially authorized procedure for killing, eliminating or sterilizing pests.

6.	Description of content: (cont'd)
	<p>Heat treatment: Process whereby a basic product is heated to a minimum temperature for a minimum period, in accordance with officially recognized technical specifications.</p> <p>Furthermore, any natural or legal person interested in the production, marketing and phytosanitary treatment of wood packaging must register with the Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA).</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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</p>
8.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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: Andean Community</p>
9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Official Gazette No. 38.177. Resolution No. 098, published on 2 May 2005. Available in Spanish (2 pages)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 15 March 2005</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 2 May 2005</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments:</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Servicio Autónomo de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SASA):</i> Official Gazette No. 38.177. Resolution No. 098, published on 2 May 2005. Available in Spanish.</p> <p>Address: Esquina de Colón a Dr. Diaz Antiguo Edificio del BTV Sector la Hoyada Planta Baja. Ministerio de Agricultura y Tierras Tel.: 542.44.83 Fax: 54542.18.83 E-mail: mat sasa@yahoo.es</p>