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## Argentina Enacts New Regulation in Relation to Gypsy Moth

The SENASA (National Health and Agri-Food Quality Service) has been working on a new regulation imposing specific measures related to the plague of certain breeds of the *Lymantria Dispar*, otherwise known as the “Gypsy Moth”. On 14th October 2020, SENASA Resolution 764/2020 was finally published in the Official Gazette. The new regulation will enter into force 90 days after its publication.

Please see enclosed a translation of the Regulation and its Annexes. In a nutshell, the new regulation states that:

- In any case, SENASA will assess the phytosanitary risk of the vessel which will be always subject to inspections by SENASA. Depending on the circumstances, this inspection may result in a cleaning and phytosanitary treatment order at a port or on an appropriate site designated to such end. Impossibility to clean and treat the vessel will result in the vessel being banned from entering to Argentinean ports.
- However, all ocean-going vessels which departed or stayed in areas with AGM or JGM shall notify the SENASA 72 hours prior to arrival to any Argentinean port, whether exempted or not from the Certificate of Vessel Free.
- Those arriving from the areas and the periods identified in ANNEX II should arrive with a Certificate of Vessel Free of AGM or JGM issued by the phytosanitary authority of the last port of departure or stay in accordance with the new regulation.
- It applies to all ocean-going vessels which have departed from or stayed in areas with the presence of Asian (AGM) and Japanese (JGM) *Lymantria Dispar*, within the last 24 months prior to its arrival an Argentinean port.

## ANNEX II (TRANSLATION)

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| <b>Eastern Russia</b>  | Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy; Vanino; Nevelsk; Kholmsk; Korsakov; Kozmino; Slavyanka; Posiet; Zarubino; Vostochny; Nakhodka; Vladivostok.                                                                              | From July 15 to September 25. |
| <b>China</b>           | All ports of China.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | From June 1 to September 30.  |
| <b>Korea</b>           | Busan; Jinhae; Masan; Tongyeong; Jangseongpo; Okpo; Gohyeon; Incheon; Pyeongtaek-Dangjin; Daesan; Taean; Donghae-Mukho; Okgye; Hosan; Ulsan; Pohang; Gwangyang; Hadong; Samcheonpo; Yeosu; Gunsan; Mokpo; Boryeong. | From June 1 to September 30.  |
| <b>Northern Japan</b>  | Aomori, Fukushima, Hokkaido, Iwate, Miyagi                                                                                                                                                                          | From July 1 to September 30.  |
| <b>Western Japan</b>   | Akita, Ishikawa, Niigata, Toyama, Yamagata                                                                                                                                                                          | From June 25 to September 15. |
| <b>Eastern Japan</b>   | Aichi, Chiba, Fukui, Ibaraki, Kanagawa, Mie, Shizuoka, Tokyo                                                                                                                                                        | From June 20 to August 20.    |
| <b>Southern Japan</b>  | Ehime, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Hyogo, Kagawa, Kagoshima, Kochi, Kumamoto, Kyoto, Miyazaki, Nagasaki, Oita, Okayama, Osaka, Saga, Shimane, Tokushima, Tottori, Wakayama, Yamaguchi                                       | From June 1 to August 10.     |
| <b>Japan Far South</b> | Okinawa                                                                                                                                                                                                             | From May 25 to June 30.       |

Infringements to the regulation may result in fines amounting up to AR\$ 10,000,000 (about US\$ 133,333 today's ROE). Eventually, SENASA could impose precautionary measures to avoid a sanitary risk.

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