



Digitalization of Documents

ePhyto Progress and Observations

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NOT a paper certificate



NOT a scan of a paper certificate

- Electronic equivalent of a paper phytosanitary certificate
- Standardized XML schema (structure)



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- Brief history:
 - 2006 PCIT deployed
 - 2008 ePhyto discussions began
 - Due to complexity after 10 years only exchanging with 1 country
 - USDA and a few other countries approached IPPC for a more standardized process
 - ePhyto project arose from that:
 - 3 components:
 - HUB
 - GeNS
 - Harmonization
- Pandemic emphasized need for faster adoption of electronic certification



Hub

System to facilitate exchange of ePhytos between NPPOs

GeNS

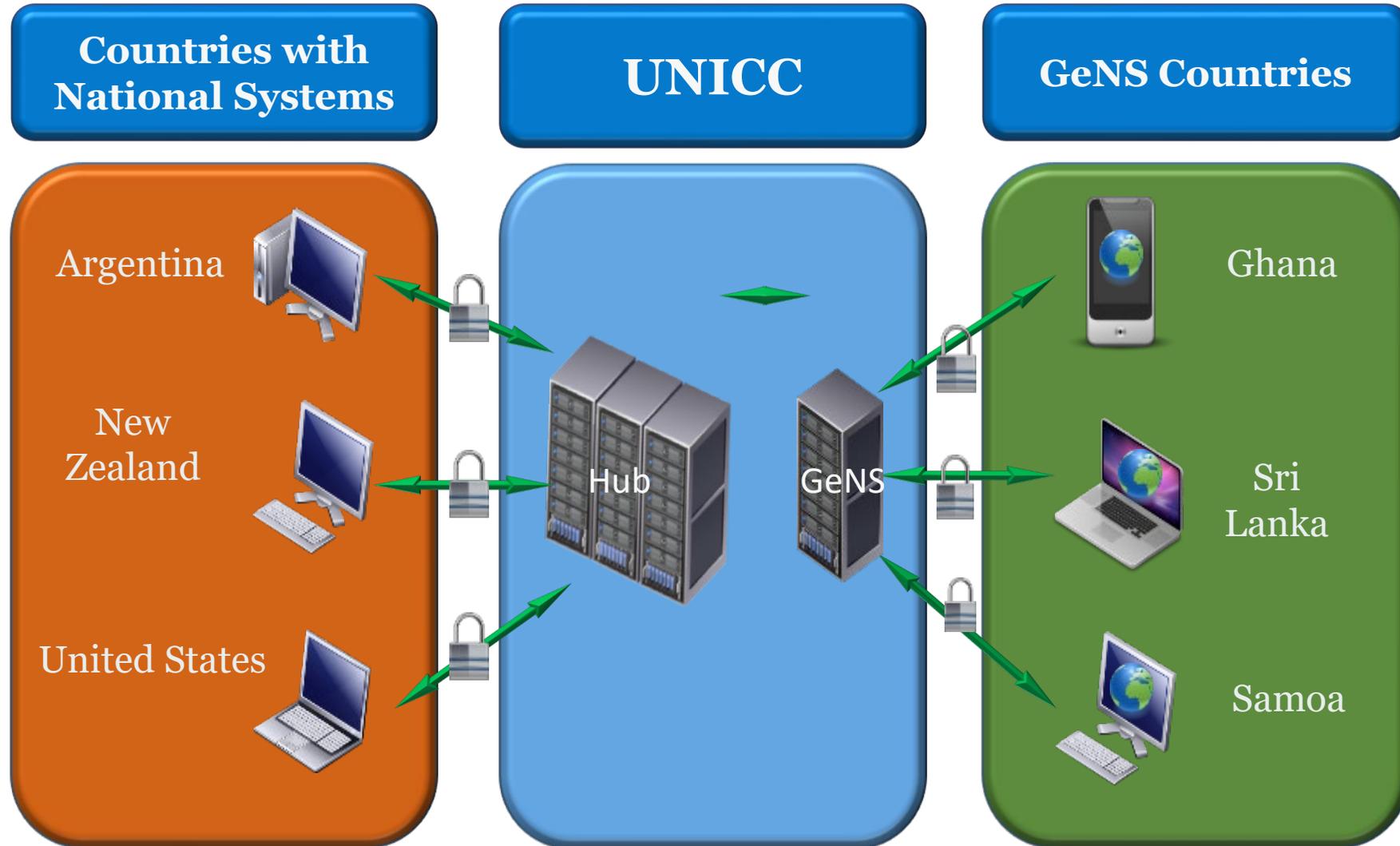
Generic ePhyto National System

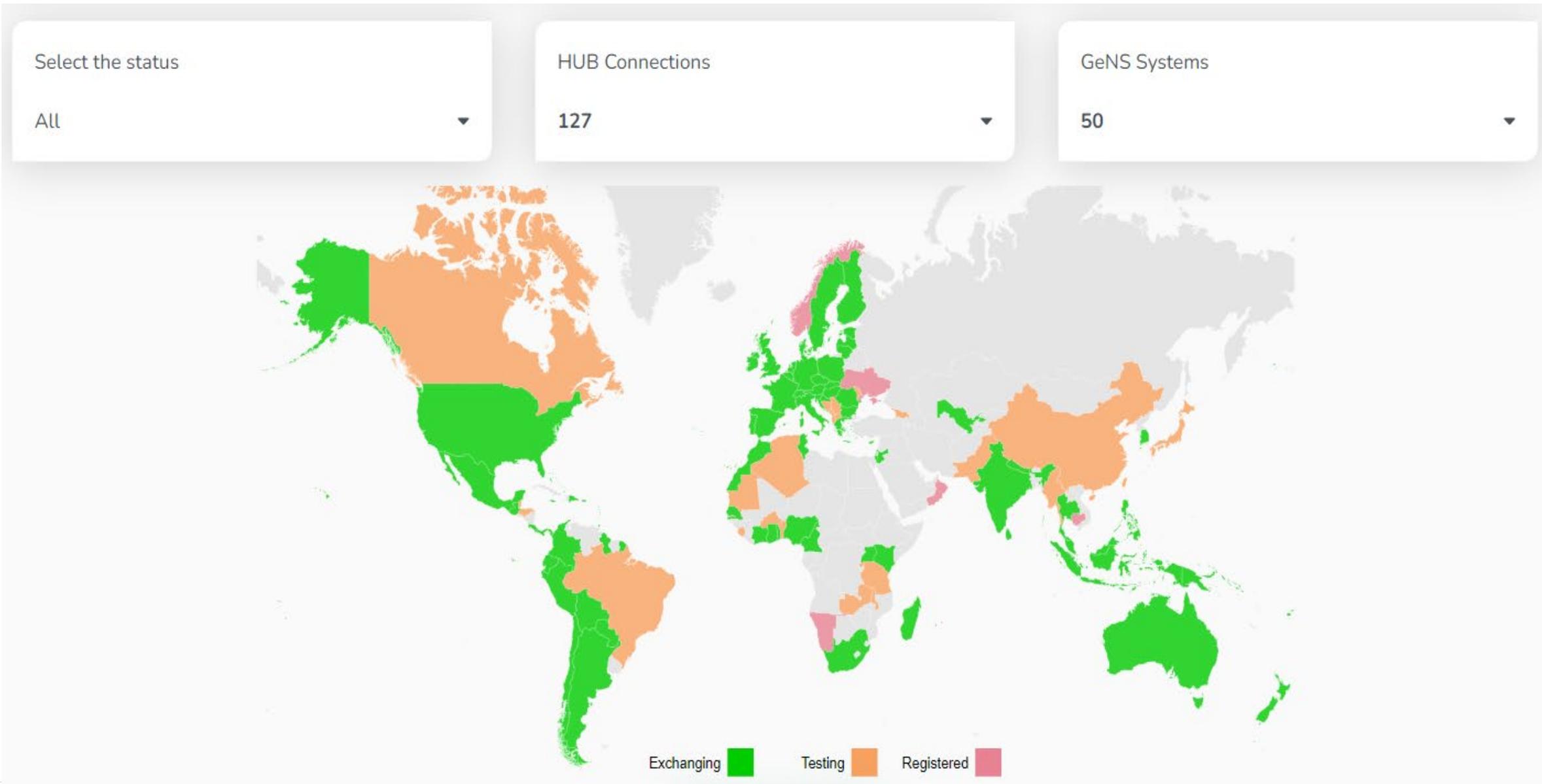
Centralized web-based system to allow countries without their own systems to produce, send and receive ePhytos through the hub

Harmonized message

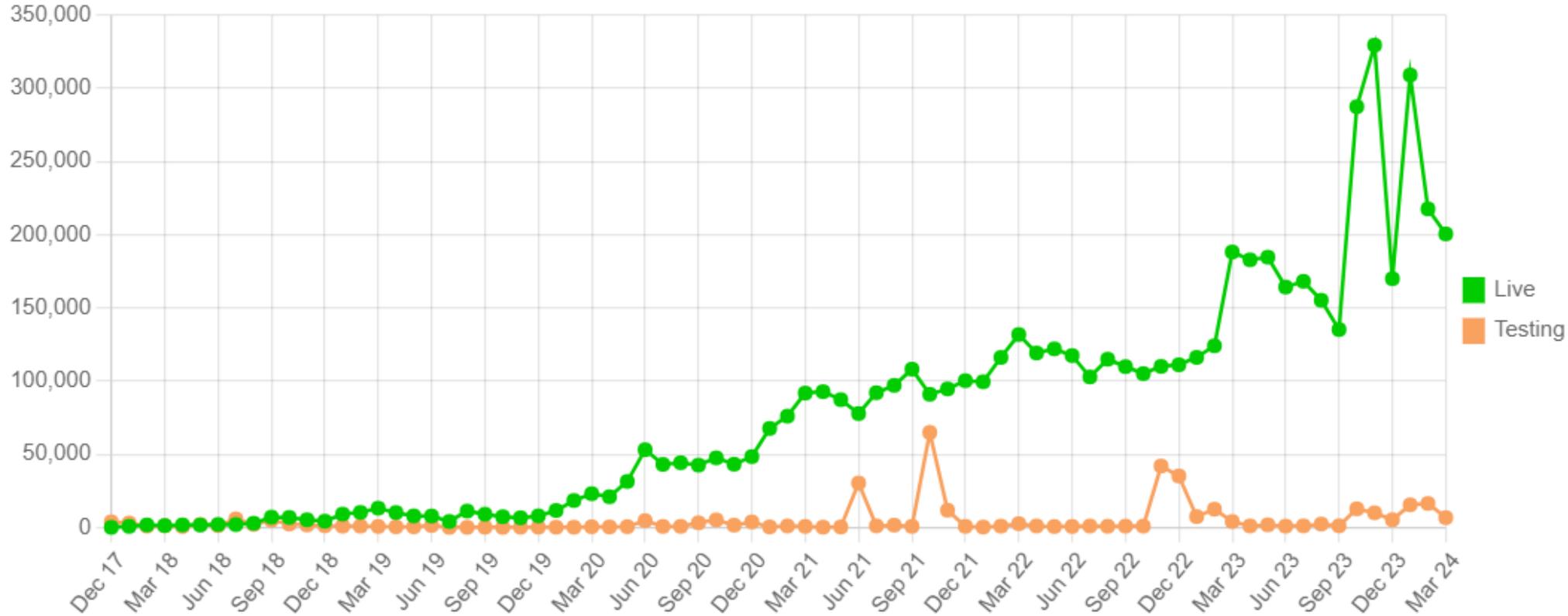
Uniform format, structure and accompanying codes and lists where applicable

ePhyto solution (2)





Summary of the certificates successfully exchanged through the HUB



Total Live Exchanges:
5,943,275

Total Test Exchanges:
364,587

<https://www.ephytoexchange.org/landing/>

ePhyto Trading Partner Participation



https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/sa_export/ephyto-participating-countries

Data through March 28, 2024

Benefits of Going Digital

- Can be difficult to identify
- Quantitative (government and industry)
 - Time/Cost
 - Certificates issued faster
 - Directly to foreign government
 - Eliminates courier/transport of paper document costs/issues
 - US industry reports a minimum of \$25/shipment prior to ePhyto
 - Eliminates lost certificates
 - Chile released a shipment with an ePhyto saving industry \$40,000 in demurrage charges
 - Post issuance activities much faster
 - Morocco example – replacements used to take a minimum of 1 day to arrive now in minutes
 - Argentinian example – requirements changed and the certificate was missing required information, the replacement was received within an hour preventing the loss of perishable commodity
 - US eliminated security paper saving roughly \$200K/year
- Qualitative
 - Advanced reporting
 - Risk analysis
 - Enhanced/changed processes
 - Eliminates fraud

Benefits of Going Digital (2)

Argentina certificate (from their system)

CERTIFICADO FITOSANITARIO
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE
N° **779068**

DE: Organización Nacional de Protección Fitosanitaria de ARGENTINA
FROM: National Plant Protection Organization of ARGENTINA

PARA: Organización(es) Nacional(es) de Protección Fitosanitaria de ESTADOS UNIDOS
TO: The Plant Protection Organization(s) of United States

DESCRIPCIÓN DEL ENVÍO / DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

1 - Nombre y dirección del exportador Name and address of the exporter CAMPO GRANDE S A 2022421, PEDREGAL (5529), MENDOZA, ARGENTINA	2 - Nombre y dirección declarada del destinatario Declared name and address of the consignee : PAPAYA FRUGT GRONT SALG OG BANANMODNING I/S GRONLØKKEVEJ 10 - 5000 ODENSE C P.IVA DK 32 86 72 78	
3 - Medio de transporte declarado Declared means of conveyance Marítimo - Buque Contenedor Maritime - Container ship	4 - Punto de entrada declarado Declared point of entry NEW YORK	
5 - Nombre del producto, número y descripción de bultos Name of produce, number and description of packages 15 cajas de Ajo Fresco 15 box of Fresh Garlic	6 - Cantidad declarada Quantity declared 40.0000 kg 40.0000 kg	
7 - Nombre botánico de la planta Botanical name of plant Allium sativum	8 - Lugar de origen Place of origin ARGENTINA - MENDOZA	9 - Marcas distintivas Distinguishing marks CAMPO GRANDE

10 - Por el presente se certifica que las plantas, productos vegetales u otros artículos reglamentados descritos aquí han sido inspeccionados y/o analizados, de acuerdo con procedimientos oficiales adecuados, y se consideran libres de plagas cuarentenarias especificadas por la contraparte importadora y que cumplen con los requisitos fitosanitarios exigidos por esta, incluyendo los relativos a plagas no cuarentenarias reglamentadas.
This is to certify that the plants, plants products or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

DECLARACIÓN ADICIONAL / ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

11 - Sin Declaraciones Adicionales
No additional declarations
Fecha de inspección: 22-enero-2018
Inspection date: 22-january-2018

TRATAMIENTO DE DESINFESTACIÓN Y/O DESINFESTACIÓN / DISINFESTATION TREATMENT

12 - Tratamiento / Treatment	13 - Producto químico y concentración (Ingr. activo) / Chemical and Concentration (active ingredient)	
14 - Duración / Duration	15 - Temperatura / Temperature	16 - Fecha / Date
17 - Información adicional / Additional information		

DATOS DE EXPEDICIÓN / INFORMATION OF EXPEDITION

Lugar y fecha de expedición
Place and date of issue
CIUDAD AUTONOMA DE BUENOS AIRES, 22-enero-2018
CIUDAD AUTONOMA DE BUENOS AIRES, 22-january-2018

Oficial autorizado
Authorized officer
AR - 85 - BUIGUES GUSTAVO

Same certificate received from Argentina via ePhyto in US

PCIT Generated Foreign Certificate Derived from Electronically Supplied Data Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	X
	PLACE OF ISSUE PUERTO DE BUENOS AIRES (CIUDAD AUTONOMA DE BUENOS AIRES)	
	NO. 779068	
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF United States	DATE INSPECTED April 10, 2018	
CERTIFICATION		
This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.		
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFESTION TREATMENT		
TREATMENT DETAILS		
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT		
1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER CAMPO GRANDE S A 2022421, PEDREGAL (5529), MENDOZA, ARGENTINA	2. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE : PAPAYA FRUGT GRONT SALG OG BANANMODNING I/S GRONLØKKEVEJ 10 - 5000 ODENSE C P.IVA DK 32 86 72 78	
3. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED (1) garlic (Bulbs) 40.0000 kilogram	4. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS (1) Allium sativum	
5. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES (1) 15 Box	6. DISTINGUISHING MARKS (1) CAMPO GRANDE	
7. PLACE OF ORIGIN (1) MENDOZA	8. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE Container ship (Maritime transport)	
	9. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY NEW YORK	
ADDITIONAL DECLARATION		
No additional declarations		
Page 1 of 1		
10. DATE ISSUED April 10, 2018	11. INSPECTOR	12. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print) AR - 85 BUIGUES GUSTAVO
No financial liability with respect to this certificate shall attach to Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria or to any of its officers or representatives.		

Multifaceted between governments and stakeholders

Incoming

Incoming Certificates List								Search Results Total:7	
Issuing Country	Certificate Number	Point of Entry	Consignee	Status	Type	ARM Status	ARM Inspection ?	Action Taken ?	
Colombia	CFE-01-000190-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View
Colombia	CFE-01-000191-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View
Colombia	CFE-01-000194-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View
Colombia	CFE-01-000195-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View
Colombia	CFE-01-000196-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View
Colombia	CFE-01-000197-21	ABBEVILLE	ACE BOUQUETS	Issued	Export	Sent to CBP			View

Outgoing

List of Processed Applications									
Tracking / Certificate Number	Status	Issued Date	Destination	OCPA ?	ePhyto Sent	ePhyto Received			
47332 F-F-02068-00047332-7-N	Printed	08/31/2021	Colombia		Yes	Yes	View	Manage	

Added Indicator to Paper PCs:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY SENT VIA EPHYTO

Uganda	Yes	No	Yes	No	07/22/2020	Edit
Ukraine						Edit
United Arab Emirates						Edit
United Kingdom						Edit

- Enable trading partners in seconds
- Send and/or receive
- Special considerations
 - Receive with Base 64
 - Send with Digital Signature

Argentina

Receive from
 Receive with Base64
 Send to
 Send with Digital Signature

Send electronic certificates effective date 
mm/dd/yyyy

- Quality control
 - Removal of non-quantitative units of measure (11)
 - Removal of redundant parts (39)
 - Corrected 2.3 million records
 - Cleanup Harmful Organism list (2600 removed)
- Cotton interface
- Itext conversion replaced Oracle reports

- Global ePhyto
 - Sustainable Funding
 - Translation into other languages (GeNS)
 - French, Arabic (live), Spanish (in progress)
 - Continued collaboration with non-phytosanitary agencies/organizations (OIE/Codex/Others)
 - Linkage to other government systems (Single Windows, Customs, Industry, etc.)
- USDA PCIT
 - Technology refresh – React, PostgreSQL, AZURE
 - ePhyto harmonization (Response messages (NNCs), ADs, and Treatments)
 - Report enhancements
 - Channels for ePhyto

- When exchange begins, it's not over.....
- Can start slow, don't have to start with 100% in either imports and exports
- Key contact for troubleshooting/testing
- Monitor, monitor, monitor
- Take advantage of technology to modify processes



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?