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Ref.: COVID - 19

According with our previous letters, from March 16th a National Emergency was declared and therefore it was requested Sanitary Authorities to endeavor their best effort aiming to avoid the COVID-19 spread.

From March 20th to April 26th Argentina was in Quarantine and recently from April 25 at 00 hrs the National government has extended the Mandatory National Quarantine until May 10th. Although the national regulation has set up that foreign trade activities are excluded from the isolation measures as well as all of our ports are remains operative, these measures are affecting and may affect the normal operations to our trade.

All plants and ports have taken preventive sanitary measures to safeguard the health of workers, but positive cases of COVID19 cannot be ruled out.

There are constant changes respect to COVID-19 requirements applicable to our trade. Here is a brief recap of most important news and drawbacks up to now:

- SENASA has established an online validation for copies of phytosanitary certificates.
- Official entities and Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Exporters are working with reduced staff and time frame.

- Banks are reopening slowly and presentation of documents CAD Buenos Aires have to be dealt on a case by case basis between counterparts.

- Also release of original B's/L has to be dealt with maritime agents on a case by case basis.

- CONEA lab (radioactivity analysis) is closed till further notice.

- Embassies are closed or showing restrictions for legalizing documents.

- Trucks arrivals at loadport have improved as consequence of less restrictions

- Inland post services between terminals and Buenos Aires offices is reduced or suspended.

- Additional isolation requirements implemented at Port of Bahia Blanca for ships arriving from neighboring countries with less than 14 days of sea travel

Furthermore please acknowledge that Downpipe of Parana river affects and/or may affect intake of vessels upriver.

We will send you a weekly report with relevant information.

Best regards,

Gustavo Idigoras
President