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Report Highlights:

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Following a modernization of all services of the Livestock and Agricultural Service (SAG) of the Ministry of Agriculture, in June 2013 SAG was accredited and certified under ISO 9001 on a Quality Assurance System. The so called IMPORT INSPECTION CONTROL that covers plants, animal products, agricultural supplies, and all products regulated by SAG instructs officials to a strict compliance with the import regulations. Therefore, any deviation from the norm is almost impossible.

The regulations have not changed but from now, the inspectors have little room for arbitrary decision, the ISO certification obligates the inspectors to follow and enforce present regulations, a process that is standard to all trading partners.

Document verification:

- If the importer is not able to present the product's composition the shipment is rejected

Physical verification:

- If the composition declared in the documents does not coincide with the information on the product the shipment is rejected.