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### **SAG's Import Inspection - Pesticides**

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**Report Highlights:**

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**Executive Summary:**

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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.

Physical revision:

- If the information on the Certificate does not coincide with the information on the label and is not possible to obtain a reasonable explanation or rectification, the shipment is rejected.