



Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (Senasa)
Att: President
Mr. Ricardo Negri
CC: Vicepresident
Mr. Guillermo Rossi
Av. Paseo Colón 367, Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Mr. Negri,

On behalf of the MACN membership, I am writing to thank Senasa's efforts to fight corruption in the vessel clearance process for loading grain in Argentina, and to support the continuity of the holds/tanks inspections system adopted under Resolution 693-E/2017.

The enforcement of Resolution 693-E/2017 highly reduced unjustified delays and solicitation in the context of holds/tanks inspections in Argentine ports. According to MACN's Anonymous Incident Reporting system, incidents in Argentina declined in more than 90% in 2018. We are also aware that the view that corruption has highly dropped in holds' inspections in Argentina is shared across the global and local maritime industry.

The success of the reform, which is itself a consequence of the joint efforts of the Senasa, the MACN and its local partner in Argentina, Governance Latam, the IGP&IC, and the local industry stakeholders Centro de Navegación, CADECRA, and CIARA-CEC, is widely seen by the international community as an exemplar case of public-private anticorruption collective action. The inspection system's digitalization, the introduction of cross checks, the possibility of filing anonymous complaints, and the work of a new professional supervisory team within Senasa in charge of overseeing private inspections so far have been pillars of transparency, integrity, and efficiency.

We believe that keeping the system adopted by Resolution 693-E/2017 after the one-year testing period ending in November 1st 2018 will make integrity, transparency, and efficiency sustainable traits of the grain exports environment in the Argentine ports. Certainly, sustainability will require continuing working together and, to such end, we commit ourselves to continue collaborating with the Government and local industry stakeholders in strengthening the system.

MACN is grateful for the leadership and support provided by the Senasa authorities and the supervisory team in charge of overseeing inspections to tackle illicit solicitation and improve the business climate at Argentine ports. MACN is also fully motivated to continue to engage with the Argentine authorities on this collective action and jointly combat illicit practices.

Yours sincerely,

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