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ENVIRONMENT - MERCOSUR APPROVES MECHANISM TO MANAGE LOW LEVEL PRESENCE OF GMOS

On January 24, 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture ("MAPA") published Ordinance No. 5/2020 ("Ordinance"), incorporating in Brazil the Mercosur Resolution nº 23/2019, which created a mechanism to manage the low level presence of genetically modified organisms ("GMOs") among Mercosur countries.

The Ordinance has established that:

i. If a State authorizes the commercialization of GMOs for use in human and/or animal feed, the other States Parties must be notified, within 30 days, within the scope of the Mercosur Agricultural Biotechnology Commission.
ii. After analyzing the possible situations of low level presence of GMOs, the said commission will prepare a report with relevant technical recommendations, which will be forwarded to the highest authorities of the States Parties.

Veirano's environmental and agribusiness regulatory team is highly experienced on the subject and is available to provide further clarification.

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