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ENVIRONMENTAL – GENETIC RESOURCE: SIMPLIFIED SHIPMENT - COVID-19

On April 6, 2020, the Ministries of the Environment and Health published Ordinance No. 155/2020 ("Ordinance") on a simplified procedure to ship genetic resources related to the Public Health Emergency of Nacional Importance - ESPIN, specifically to face COVID-19.

The Ordinance sets forth that, while ESPIN lasts, shipment of samples of genetic resources for research and technological development related to COVID-19 may be carried out without the prior registration in the Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge National Management System - SisGen. The shipment will depend on signing of the Material Transfer Term - TTM and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The publication of partial or final results of the research and technological development activities related to COVID-19 within the national territory is also exempted from prior registration within SisGen.

The users that perform the shipment and the research and technological development activities must register them and must notify the finished product developed as a result of the access within 1 year, counting from the end of ESPIN.

The benefits resulting from the economic exploration of products and reproductive materials derived from the access to genetic resources must be regularly shared, in accordance with rules in force.

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

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