

## Colombia

### ARTICLE 8: BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION

In Colombia, the Customs inspection of merchandise is carried out in coordination with other competent authorities and depending on the type of merchandise that enters or leaves the country. For example, in the case of imported food, medicines or beverages, the approval and control of INVIMA (“National Institute for the Surveillance of Medicines and Food”) is required. Another example is the export of flowers, for which approval and a phytosanitary inspection by the ICA (“Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario”) is required. It is worth noting that in many import and export processes, and the relevant prior risk analysis of the risk, the Colombian Customs Fiscal Police (“POLFA”) participates. Finally, it is worth mentioning that the National Tax and Customs Directorate (DIAN) maintains close effective communication with the other competent authorities and gives and receives training to and from them to facilitate and guarantee compliance with foreign trade operations.

Through Decree 1165 of 2019, the National Government promotes the strengthening of risk management criteria in the exercise of Customs control, in order to neutralize smuggling and money laundering behaviors, prevent environmental risk and the violation of intellectual property rights, as well as to defend health and guarantee border security and, more generally, the security of the logistics chain.

The above is regulated in articles 710 *et seq.* of Decree 1165 of 2019:

The Customs Statute (Decree 1165 of 2019):

[https://www.dian.gov.co/aduanas/Regimen-de-Aduanas/Presentacion/Documents/Presentacion\\_1165\\_2019.pdf](https://www.dian.gov.co/aduanas/Regimen-de-Aduanas/Presentacion/Documents/Presentacion_1165_2019.pdf)

(presentation summary)

<https://www.suin-juriscal.gov.co/viewDocument.asp?id=30036618>

(the complete regulation)

#### Relevant government agencies:

- Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales -DIAN. (National Tax and Customs Directorate). Customs Authorities.

<https://www.dian.gov.co/aduanas/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>

- Ministerio de Comercio Industria y Turismo. (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)

<https://www.mincit.gov.co/>

- INVIMA Instituto Nacional de Vigilancia de Medicamentos y Alimentos. (“National Institute for the Surveillance of Medicines and Food”).

<https://www.invima.gov.co/>

- ICA Instituto Nacional Agropecuario. (National Agricultural Institute).

<https://www.ica.gov.co/>

- SIC Superintendency of Industry and Commerce – Technical regulations - certificates of compliance with technical standards .

<https://www.sic.gov.co/reglamentos-tecnicos>

- Ministry of Defense (importation of war material).

<https://www.mindefensa.gov.co/irj/portal/Mindefensa>

- Ministry of foreign relations.

<https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/>

- Ministry of Justice. Single Normative Information System (“Juriscol”).

<https://www.suin-juriscol.gov.co/>

- Andean Community.

<https://www.comunidadandina.org/>

- World Customs Organization.

<http://www.wcoomd.org/>

- World Trade Organization.

<https://www.wto.org/>

- ALADI Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración.

<https://www.aladi.org/sitioaladi/>

- Ministry of Health and Social Protection / National Narcotics Fund (“Fondo Nacional de Estupefacientes”).

<https://www.minsalud.gov.co/salud/MT/Paginas/fondo-nacional-de-estupefacientes-fne.aspx>

#### **Relevant private agencies and industry groups:**

- National Association of Industrials (Spanish abbrev. “ANDI”).

<https://www.andi.com.co/>

- The National Association of Shipowners and Maritime Agents (Spanish abbrev. "ASONAV").  
<https://www.asonav.org>
- National Trade Council ((Spanish abbrev. "CGN").  
<https://cqn.org.co/>
- Colombian Federation of Logistics Agents in International Trade (Spanish abbrev. "FITAC").  
<https://fitac.net/>
- Latin American Conference of Express Transport Companies (Spanish abbrev. "CLADEC").  
<https://cladec.org.co/>
- Colombian Association of Flower Exporters (Spanish abbrev. "ASOCOLFLORES").  
<https://asocolflores.org/es/>
- Association of the Automotive Sector and Its Parts (Spanish abbrev. "ASOPARTES").  
<https://asopartes.com/>
- Colombian Federation of Road Freight Transporters (Spanish abbrev. "COLFECAR").  
<https://www.colfecar.org.co/>

### **CASE STUDY**

At this moment we do not envisage a relevant or visible case study linked to Article 8. For Customs cooperation between Colombia and a border country, please refer to the case study for Article 12.