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Food Traceability Project

"This project benefits Chilean food exporters by scientifically ensuring the traceability and safety of their products exported to the demanding European markets".

Marcela Angulo, Project Director



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Facts and Figures

- € 2 million invested by the EU in this project

Context Supporting food traceability

Chilean exports face the challenge of complying with the high standards required by European markets, as to ensure the safety and traceability of food products. Chile aims to become a leading exporter of food products, therefore the need to ensure the traceability of such products has led to the creation of the Food Traceability Project, funded in the framework of the Implementation Fund of the EU-Chile Association Agreement.

Objective

- The main goal of this project was the development of a chemical residue national measuring system in foodstuffs that would guarantee the traceability and the international comparability of its results.
- A Centre of Chemical Metrology was created, which since its opening in 2007 has become an official reference centre for waters and foodstuffs.
- Ensuring traceability of Chilean food exports does not only go to the benefit of European consumers but also to local consumers, while also preventing the sprouting of possible technical barriers to trade.

Impact

- Consolidation of the laboratory of the Centre of Chemical Metrology as an official reference centre for waters and foodstuffs.
- The Centre's laboratory has state-of-the-art equipment for a value of nearly 1 million Euros.
- More than 90 analytical methods validated in waters, wines, meats, milk, fruits and salmons, among other products.
- Reference Materials developed for metals in wines.



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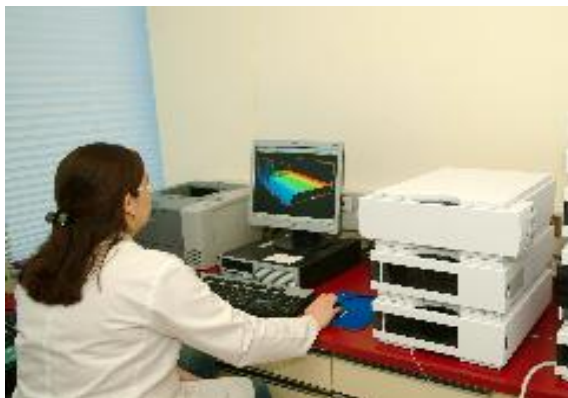
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Support for Chilean exporters

Mr. Felipe de la Carrera. CEO of the Chilean Association of Poultry Exporters: “To us exporters, the laboratory of the Centre of Chemical Metrology is crucial because it helps us in the detection of chemical residues in the meats that are going to be exported to international markets. As Chile plans to become one of the leading food products exporters in the world, tools like these are fundamental. The Centre of Chemical Metrology places us in a leading position in terms of food traceability in Latin America”.



The traceability of food products is guaranteed by the Center of Chemical Metrology.