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Report Highlights:

On September 22, 2011, the Colombian Ministry of Social Protection issued resolution 4254 establishing the requirements for labeling foods derived from modern biotechnology. Post is in the process of facilitating a meeting between the Ministry of Social Protection and importers of US commodities to help them handle the new labeling requirements.

General Information:

On September 22, 2011, the Colombian Ministry of Social Protection issued Resolution 4254 establishing the requirements for labeling foods derived from modern biotechnology. (See GAIN dated 10/4/2011). In an effort to review the new resolution, the Ministry invited industry, academia, and government to attend a one-day seminar on February 29, 2012 to assess the potential impact it may have for all parties involved upon its enforcement on June 22, 2012. Although the labeling resolution does not appear restrictive, commodity exporters and industry that deal with biotechnology commodities will have to comply with the new requirements to ensure shipments entering Colombia are approved for human consumption. Post is in the process of facilitating a meeting between the Ministry of Social Protection and importers of US commodities to help them handle the new labeling requirements.