

Environmental Submission No.:
SALA-CA-PMA/001/2021
Volcan Baru National Park and others.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT (SPANISH)

Panama, March 15, 2021.

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| <p>Re: Submission concerning the implementation of environmental legislation, pursuant to Article 17.8 of the Trade Promotion Agreement between Panama and the United States, concerning possible non-compliance with Panamanian environmental legislation, with regard to Executive Decree No. 40 of June 24, 1976, which creates Baru Volcano National Park, the Baru Volcano National Park Management Plan, approved by Resolution No. AG-0295-2004 of July 30, 2004, Resolution No. AG-0904-2009 which re-establishes the validity of the Baru Volcano National Park Management Plan and other provisions, Law No. 1 of February 3, 1994, which establishes forestry law in the Republic of Panama and other provisions, Law 41 of 1998, as amended by Law 8 of 2015, General Environmental Law of the Republic of Panama, among others.</p> <p>Environmental Communication submitted via: Personal <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web: <input type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| Date of receipt: March 12, 2021 | Submission No.: SALA-CA-PMA/001/2021 |
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We hereby acknowledge receipt of the environmental submission, which has been assigned the code **SALA-CA-PMA/001/2021, Baru Volcano National Park and others.**

The Secretariat will now review the document submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 17.8.2 of Chapter 17 Environment of the Panama-United States Trade Promotion Agreement, which states:

“17.8 Submissions on Enforcement Matters: ... 2. The Secretariat may consider a submission under this Article if the Secretariat finds that the submission:

- a. is in writing in either English or Spanish;
- b. clearly identifies the person making the submission;
- c. provides sufficient information to allow the secretariat to review the submission, including any documentary evidence on which the submission may be based;
- d. appears to be aimed at promoting enforcement rather than at harassing industry;
- e. indicates that the matter has been communicated in writing to the relevant authorities of the Party and indicates the Party's response, if any; and
- f. is filed by a person of a Party.”

Once the above requirements have been met, we will process the Submission in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Panama-United States TPA.

We also expect to complete and publish a public notice of your Submission. At the same time, your Submission will be made available in full to the Parties and the public in electronic form on the Secretariat's Website, Communications section. We will keep you informed of the status of your Submission.

For any additional information or contact you may wish to make, please contact the Secretariat by e-mail at bcarranza@sala-seem.org or by telephone. Due to health restrictions, the physical facilities of the Secretariat are closed, but if a meeting is necessary, it can be arranged, taking into account the necessary security measures.

Any communication we may need to send you will be sent to the notification address you have provided, as described at the top of this receipt, and via e-mail. Communications will be sent to the attention of the petitioners, until written notice from your behalf indicates otherwise.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Secretariat for Submissions on Environment Enforcement Matter
Trade Promotion Agreement, United States-Panama