

Chile and Peru announced restructuring plan for government agencies relating to agriculture

During June 2019, Chile and Peru, two neighboring countries in South America, announced their plans to restructure the principle agency responsible for the agricultural sector of the countries, with the following details;

- **Chile**



On 1 June 2019, Mr. Sebastian Piñera, President of Chile, announced the plan to establish the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministerio de Agricultura y Alimentos), which will include the Department of Fisheries and Agriculture, which is currently under the Ministry of Economy. This plan is expected to help strengthen the country's administration system and improve coordination and capacity in operations. Soon, the resolution will be brought to the Congress for approval on the law establishment for the new ministry. The president also added that although the economy in the Latin America region has been weakened in the past year, especially in Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela, including the trade and technology war situation between the United States and China, but Chile can still be the country with the highest growth rate in the region at the rate of 3.5%.

- **Peru**



Mrs. Fabiola Muñoz, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of Peru (MINAGRI), announced a plan to restructure the ministry on 12 June 2019, during the meeting with the Agricultural Committee. The plan will add two more departments, namely the Department of Family Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Development and Services. Also, the Ministry from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MINAGRI) will be renamed as the Ministry of Agricultural Development (Ministerio de Desarrollo Agrario). In addition, Mrs. Fabiola also said about the plans to enact laws to promote Peru's productivity, to establish a funding project to help farmers in the household, and to establish laws to support the National Plan of Family Agriculture (Plan Nacional de Agricultura Familiar) which will take place within 69 days after gathering opinions from the Peruvian Agriculture Council (CONVEAGRO) and the National Hydraulic Industry Users Committee (Junta Nacional de Sectores Hidráulicos), consisting of officials from 5 ministries and representatives from related organizations.

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