

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

NORMATIVE INSTRUCTION 63, OF DECEMBER 27, 2013

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY, in the exercise of powers bestowed upon him by art. 87, sole paragraph, inset II, of the Constitution, bearing in mind the provision of art. 2 of Decree 741, of March 30, 2006, and of the contents of Process 70500.007931/2013-14, resolves:

Art. 1 To incorporate into the national legal framework the "Zoosanitary Requisites of the States Party for importation of Pigs for Breeding" approved by MERCOSUR - CMG Resolution 16/13, in accordance with the appendix of this Normative Instruction.

Art. 2 This Normative Instruction shall go into effect one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of its publication.

Art. 3 Normative Instruction SDA 31, of May 10, 2002 is hereby revoked

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APPENDIX

ZOOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATES PARTY FOR IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC PIG BREEDING STOCK

(REVOCAÇÃO DE CMG RES 19/97)

BEARING IN MIND THAT: The Treaty of Asuncion, the Ouro Preto Protocol, the Ushuaia Protocol on the Democratic Commitment of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile, Decision 06/96 of the Common Market Council and Resolution 19/97 of the Common Market Group.

CONSIDERING THAT: Under CMG Resolution 19/97, sanitary provisions and the single zoosanitary certificate for exchanges of pigs among the States Party were approved.

It is necessary to proceed with the updating of the aforesaid requisites in accordance with recent changes in international reference standards of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

Zoosanitary requirements, and a model International Veterinary Certificate are required for the export of domestic pig breeding stock to the States Party.

THE COMMON MARKET GROUP RESOLVES:

Art. 1 To approve the "Zoosanitary Requisites of the States Party for importation of domestic pig breeding stock", under the terms of this Resolution, and the model of the International Veterinary Certificate that appears in the Appendix and is a part thereof.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 2 All imports of domestic pig breeding stock shall be accompanied by an International Veterinary Certificate, issued by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.

The exporting country shall prepare a model of the certificate that is to be used for the export of domestic pig breeding stock to the States Party, including the zoosanitary guarantees mentioned in this Resolution for prior approval by the Importing State Party.

Art. 3 The Importing State Party shall consider the International Veterinary Certificate valid for a period of up to ten (10) calendar days counted as of the date of issue.

Art. 4 The diagnostic tests shall be carried out in official laboratories, authorized or accredited by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country. These tests shall be carried out in accordance with the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals - hereinafter referred to as the "Terrestrial Manual".

Art. 5 The collection of samples for the conducting of diagnostic tests, as established in this Resolution, shall be supervised by an official veterinarian.

Art. 6 The country or zone of origin of the pigs to be exported shall be officially recognized by OIE as being free [of disease]; or the country, zone or establishment of origin of pigs that is compliant with the conditions of the Terrestrial Code and thus considered free of any disease for which diagnostic tests or vaccinations are required may be exempted from the requirement to conduct diagnostic tests or vaccinations. In both cases, recognition of such status by the importing State Party shall be required.

Art. 7 An importing State Party that has an official program for control or eradication of any disease not encompassed by this Resolution, shall have the right to require additional protection measures, with the aim of preventing such disease from entering its territory.

Art. 8 Each State Party may adopt special operational measures for importation when dealing with admittance of animals originating from countries that declare [presence of] diseases in their territory that are not present in the State Party. These measures shall be consistent with their quarantine capacity and may include changes in the age of admittance or the pre-export quarantine period in the exporting country.

Art. 9 The Importing State Party may agree with the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country to other equivalent procedures or diagnostic tests for the importation.

CHAPTER II

THE EXPORTING COUNTRY

Art. 10. The exporting country shall:

1. be recognized by the OIE as being a country free of Rinderpest; and
2. comply with provisions of the corresponding Chapters of the Terrestrial Code to be considered free of African Swine Pox and Swine vesicular disease.

In both cases, this status shall be recognized by the importing State Party.

Art. 11. The exporting country or exporting zone shall:

1. be recognized by the OIE as free of Foot and Mouth Disease with or without vaccination; and
2. fulfill the conditions established in the corresponding Chapters of the OIE's Terrestrial Code for consideration as free of Classical swine plague.

In both cases, this status shall be recognized by the importing State Party.

Art. 12. The exporting country shall not have had reported cases of Japanese Encephalitis in at least the previous 12 (doze) months prior to shipment of the pigs to be exported.

Art. 13. With respect to Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), when the exporting country is not recognized as free [of the disease] by the importing State Party, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

1. the establishment of origin of the animals to be exported shall not have reported positive PRRS test results on multivalent ELISA tests for detection of this disease, after two (2) tests carried out a half-yearly intervals, the second having been conducted six (6) months prior to shipment, on all of the animals or on a sample that provides 99% confidence of detection of at least one infected animal and expected prevalence of 10%; and
2. the pigs to be exported shall be no less than four (4) months old at the time of the start of the pre-export quarantine period mentioned in Art. 21 and shall be submitted to the diagnostic tests established in Art. 21.6.

CHAPTER III

ESTABLISHMENT OF ORIGIN

Art. 14. The establishment of origin of the pigs shall be declared by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country as free of Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Aujeszky's Disease, and such certification shall be recognized by the importing State Party.

Art. 15. No cases of transmittable gastroenteritis (TGE) shall have been reported at the establishment of origin in the twelve (12) months prior to shipment of the pigs for export.

Art. 16. No cases of vesicular stomatitis shall have been reported in the forty-five (45) prior to the start of the pre-export quarantine, at the establishment of origin of the pigs to be exported, and or at those located within a radius of fifteen (15) km thereof.

CHAPTER IV

PIGS TO BE EXPORTED

Art. 17. The pigs shall have been born and bred in the exporting country.

Art. 18. The pigs shall be individually identified and this information shall appear on the International Veterinary Certificate.

Art. 19. The pigs shall be submitted to two (2) internal and external parasite treatments using products approved by the Competent Authority of the exporting country during the quarantine period referred to in Art. 21.

Art. 20. The pigs shall not have been vaccinated against Aujeszky's Disease, Foot and Mouth Disease, PRRS and TGE.

CHAPTER V

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND TREATMENTS

Art. 21. The pigs shall remain in quarantine, under official supervision, during a period of no less than thirty (30) days prior to their export, in installations approved by the Veterinary

Authority of the exporting country. During this period they shall be submitted to the following diagnostic tests, the results of which shall be negative:

1. AUJESZKY'S DISEASE: Virus Neutralization Test or ELISA;
2. BRUCELLOSIS: ELISA, Polarized Fluorescence or): buffered acidified antigen test (BBAT);
3. TUBERCULOSIS: Compared Intradermal Test with bovine and avian PPD, with readings taken forty-eight (48) hours after inoculation;
4. VESICULAR STOMATITIS: ELISA, Virus Neutralization or Complement Fixation;
5. TRANSMITTABLE GASTROENTERITIS: Virus Neutralization Test or ELISA. In the event of a positive result, they may be submitted to a competitive ELISA block test, with a negative result;
6. PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (PRRS): two (2) multivalent ELISA tests with an interval of twenty-one (21) days, each with a negative result;
7. LEPTOSPIROSIS: serological microagglutination test, utilizing antigens representative of known serological groups in the zone of origin of the pigs, or the domestic pigs to be exported shall be submitted to antibiotic therapy, use of which is approved by the Competent Authority; and
8. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE: when the domestic pig breeding stock is destined for a zone free of Foot and Mouth Disease without vaccination, specific additional conditions may be established, including the conduct of diagnostic tests, by previous agreement between the exporting country and the Importing State Party.

CHAPTER VI

TRANSPORTE AND SHIPMENT

Art. 22. The pigs shall be transported directly from the establishment where they remained in pre-export quarantine to the place of exit in the exporting country, in a clean vehicle disinfected using products approved by Competent Authority, without passing through zones with sanitary restrictions. Moreover, they shall not come into contact with animals with a lower sanitary status.

Art. 23. At the time of shipment, the pigs shall not present any clinical signs of transmittable diseases and shall be free of external parasites.

CHAPTER VII

FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 24. The States Party shall indicate, within the scope of SGT 8, the competent national bodies for implementation of this Resolution.

Art. 25. Revokes CMG Resolution 19/97.

Art. 26. This Resolution shall be incorporated into the legal framework of the States Party before Nov 1, 2014.

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APPENDIX

INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORTATION OF DOMESTIC PIG BREEDING STOCK TO STATES PARTY OF MERCOSUR

This certificate shall be valid for ten (10) calendar days as of its date of issue.

Number of the Certificate - Date of issue - Number of pages

Number of the Authorization for Importation

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMALS

Total number of domestic breeding stock pigs (number and script):

Number of the Order

Identification Number

Breed - Sex - Age - Observations

II. ORIGIN

Country/zone of the exporting country:

Name of the establishment of origin:

Name of the exporter:

Address of the exporter:

Place of origin: Date:

III. DESTINATION

State Party/ zone of destination: Country/countries of transit:

Name of the importer:

Address of the importer:

Mode of transport:

IV. ZOOSANITARY INFORMATION

The Veterinary Authority of the exporting country shall include on this certificate the zoosanitary guarantees foreseen in the "Zoosanitary Requisites of the States Party for importation of domestic pig breeding stock" in its current version.

V. DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

DISEASE

TYPE OF TEST *

DATE/S RESULT

COUNTRY/FREE ZONE

Aujeszky's Disease

VN / ELISA

BRUCELLOSIS

Polarized Fluorescence /ELISA / BBAT

Tuberculosis

Compared Tuberculinization with bovine and avian PPD

Vesicular Stomatitis

VN / ELISA/ FC

VN/ELISA/ELISA

Transmittable Gastroenteritis

Competitive block

PRRS

Multivalent ELISA

Leptospirosis Microagglutination Foot and Mouth Disease

(*)Cross out what does not apply

VI. TREATMENTS

ACTIVE INGREDIENT

DOSE DATE/S

Internal Anti-parasite

External Anti-parasite

Antibiotics

Place of issue: Data.....

Name and Signature of the Official Veterinarian:

Stamp of the Veterinary Authority:.....

VII. SHIPMENT OF ANIMALS

The animals identified were examined at the time of shipment [and] did not present clinical signs of transmittable diseases and were free of external parasites.

Place and date of shipment:

Mode of transport:

Number of transport record:

Number of the seal:

Name and Signature of the official veterinarian responsible for shipment:

Stamp of the Veterinary Authority:

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