



47th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Online meeting via Zoom, host country Argentina | 27 - 28 August, 2020

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 47TH COSALFA

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RESOLUTION I

PROGRAM FOR THE ERADICATION OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN VENEZUELA

The 47th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA

Whereas:

- The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expressed its commitment with the Region to achieve Foot-and-Mouth Disease eradication in the country by coordinating efforts with the private sector to attain these goals;
- The technical cooperation missions conducted by PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO have enabled to define, jointly with the Venezuelan authorities, a national strategy to strengthen the Venezuelan Program for the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease;
- The actions considered in the national strategy to reinforce the Venezuelan Program for the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease include conducting serological studies to detect virus transmission and to estimate population immunity so that they provide input for the situational analysis of foot-and-mouth disease and the evolution of the program;
- The public and private sectors of Venezuela have restated their openness towards the technical cooperation of the countries of COSALFA for the control of the disease in Venezuela. The plan elaborated by the INSAI is based on the long established cooperation between Brazil, Venezuela and PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO;
- The farmers unions of Venezuela, jointly with the official sector, have agreed to create a collaborative public-private alliance (PPA) to undertake the operational management of the vaccination program against foot-and-mouth disease in Venezuela through the Venezuelan Animal Health Foundation (*Fundación Venezolana de Sanidad Animal – FUNVESSA*);
- The effort and the importance of the Venezuelan private sector in the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease are recognized, as well as the relevance of the FUNVESSA as a tool to support the actions of the INSAI, by incorporating the experience of the private sector of COSALFA member countries, under PANAFTOSA's coordination.



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It is resolved:

1. To request PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to continue providing the necessary technical cooperation to Venezuela following up the national strategy for the 2021-2025 period agreed with the INSAI and presented at COSALFA 47.
2. To urge the Venezuelan authorities to sign the framework agreement between the National Institute of Integral Agricultural Health (*Instituto Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria Integral* – INSAI) and the Venezuelan Animal Health Foundation – FUNVESSA, for its implementation and operation as of 2021.
3. To request PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to provide technical cooperation to the INSAI so that the zoning strategy proposed for the states bordering Brazil can be applied to the states bordering Colombia, using as model the cooperation between Brazil, Venezuela and PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO.
4. To request PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to include as part of the technical cooperation the analysis of epidemiological indicators related to the foot-and-mouth disease programs in border states so that they can be shared with neighboring countries counterparts.
5. To urge the INSAI to evaluate, with the support of PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, the feasibility of conducting a study to assess virus transmission, particularly focused on detecting the presence of virus transmission in the states bordering Colombia.
6. To urge the countries of COSALFA, particularly the private sector, to support the activities of the FUNVESSA under PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO coordination.

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RESOLUTION II

TRANSITION TOWARDS THE STATUS OF FREE FROM FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE WITHOUT VACCINATION

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Whereas:

- The evident progress made in the programs for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in South American countries accounts for the favorable advances in the status of this disease at continental level;
- The effort and the commitment of the Veterinary Services considering the contribution of both the public and private sectors for the benefit on the control and eradication for this disease and, consequently, on the regional economy and the food security of our communities;
- The existence of a Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA) which is endorsed by the countries of COSALFA, and which has been providing the determination to continue advancing towards the continental eradication in the next few years;
- That in the logical progression of the animal health evolution of foot-and-mouth disease in South America, territories with different sanitary status may coexist during the transition towards the eradication of the agent of this disease and, therefore, mechanisms are required to optimize animal health security in the continent without unfounded restrictions, within the framework of the commercial and economic sovereignty of the Countries;
- The Terrestrial Code of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) establishes the framework for animal health security within the context of the international trade of live animals, reproductive material and products of animal origin, as well as the international norms providing animal health security in the context of the movement of vehicles and people with the potential to carry animal diseases.

It is resolved:

1. To urge the Authorities of Official Veterinary Services of the countries of COSALFA, in coordination with PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO and other international agencies, to increase the exchange of technical, scientific and regulatory knowledge concerning their plans for the transition towards the status of free without vaccination, facilitating the dissemination of information among Veterinary Services.

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RESOLUTION III

PUBLISHING THE RECORDS OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE DIAGNOSES SINCE 1952

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Whereas:

- The relevance of preserving PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO institutional memory that represents a legacy of knowledge and scientific development for future generations;
- That PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO transcribed the handwritten books of the collection of samples processed by the Reference Laboratory (REFL) to digital format in order to preserve the historical documents starting from 1952 and to increase the access to information, making all the content available in open access for the consultation of the countries;
- That the books contain all the information, from the entry of biological samples for diagnosis to the laboratory results, of the South American countries during the 1952 – 2019 period;
- That the records of foot-and-mouth disease diagnoses describe the historical series of endemic periods up to the stage of disease eradication in the region.

It is resolved:

1. To request PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to publish in digital format the data of the books recording the samples processed in its FAO/OIE Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease since 1952.

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RESOLUTION IV
PHEFA BIENNIAL PLAN 2020 – 2021

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Whereas:

- The Biennial Plan 2020 - 2021 was submitted for the approval of Delegates during the 47th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA;
- The countries agreed that the Technical Cooperation actions proposed by PANAFTOSA are essential for the development of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA) and to achieve its goals;
- The member countries were in agreement with the comprehensive funding of the actions approved in the Biennial Plan 2020 – 2021.

It is resolved:

1. To approve the Biennial Plan 2020 – 2021 for the Technical Cooperation of PANAFTOSA to the PHEFA.
2. That the public and private sectors represented in the COSALFA commit to manage and provide the necessary resources allocated in the budget of the Biennial Plan in order to comply with all the technical cooperation and follow-up actions of the PHEFA.
3. That PANAFTOSA should guide the countries on the specific mechanisms (Trust Fund, Agreements, Arrangements and Terms of Technical Cooperation) that will enable PAHO/WHO to receive resources from member countries to comply with the technical cooperation actions within the framework of the PHEFA.

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RESOLUTION V ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Whereas:

- The political relevance and the excellent conditions offered by the official authorities and the representatives of the private sector of Argentina, particularly the dedication and assistance of the staff of the National Service of Agri-Food Health and Quality (*Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria*, SENASA), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (*Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca*, MAGP), for the organization of the 47th Ordinary Meeting of the COSALFA in its traditional format;
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the related public health restrictions prevented to hold the 47th COSALFA on 20 - 24 April 2020 in the city of Mendoza, Argentina, in its traditional format;
- The Director of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center of the Pan American Health Organization (PANAFTOSA/PAHO), Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, and the National Director of Animal Health of SENASA in Argentina, Dr. Ximena Melón, as the host country for the meeting, met and firmly decided to convene the 47th COSALFA virtually on 27 – 28 August 2020.

It is resolved:

1. To thank the Government of Argentina, through its Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, for the political support and endorsement to the 47th COSALFA.
2. To express our gratitude to the technical group of the SENASA, in the person of the National Director of Animal Health, Dr. Ximena Melón, President of the 47th COSALFA, for their contribution to the organization, execution and management of the meeting in a virtual format.

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RESOLUTION VI
DESIGNATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY FOR COSALFA 48

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Whereas:

- The Delegation of Paraguay restated its offer to be the host country to the 48th Ordinary Meeting of COSALFA in 2021;
- The Delegates of COSALFA47 expressed their support to the offer of Paraguay.

It is resolved:

1. To thank and accept the offer of the Delegation of Paraguay to host for the 48th Ordinary Meeting of the COSALFA, in a location and date to be defined during 2021, in compliance with the recommendations of national and international public health authorities.

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Español:

EN FE DE LO CUAL, el Presidente de la Reunión, Dra. Ximena Melón, Directora Nacional de Sanidad Animal del Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASA), el Director del Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPS/OMS, Secretario *ex officio* de la COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi y los delegados del sector público y del sector privado de los países miembros de la COSALFA firman la lista de presencia a la 47^o. Reunión Ordinaria de la COSALFA, realizada de manera virtual a través de Plataforma Zoom, los días 27 y 28 de agosto del año dos mil y veinte.

Português:

EM FE DO QUAL, o Presidente da Reunião, Dra. Ximena Melón, Diretora Nacional do Serviço Animal do Serviço Nacional de Sanidade e Qualidade Agroalimentar (SENASA), o Diretor do Centro Pan-Americano de Febre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPAS/OMS, Secretário *ex officio* da COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi e os delegados do setor público e do setor privado dos países membros da COSALFA assinam a lista de presença da 47^a Reunião Ordinária da COSALFA, realizada de forma virtual através da Plataforma Zoom, nos dias 27 e 28 de agosto do ano de dois mil e vinte.

English:

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Chairman of the Meeting Dr. Ximena Melón, National Director of Animal National Service of Agricultural Food Health and Quality (SENASA), the Director of the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center - PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, Secretary *ex officio* of COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi and the Delegates of the public and private sectors of the member countries, have signed the present list of participants at the 47th COSALFA Ordinary Meeting, held in a virtual format through Zoom Platform, on 27 and 28 August 2020.

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