



**REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY
MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**

General Directorate of Livestock Services

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HAVIN REGARD TO: the localized presence of Leishmaniosis disease in dogs, in the city of Salto and some adjacent areas, as well as in the town of Bella Union in Artigas Department.

WHEREAS: I) is a disease present in several countries of the region, caused by a parasite, of vector transmission which affects the canine species and constitutes a zoonosis;

- II) the disease can have serious consequences for human health including fatal conditions without adequate treatment;
- III) is transmitted by the bite of an insect (phlebotomine) by biting an animal that was already infected by the parasite *Leishmania*;
- IV) The Ministry of Public Health, in coordination with local and national authorities involved in Animal Health and Public Health, has designed and is carrying out an action plan against the disease in the affected areas, essentially establishing sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the disease;
- V) Pursuant to Decree Nº. 14/993 of January 12, 1993 and Decree Nº. 290/013 of September 9, 2013) is responsibility of authorizing the entry of animals into the country lies on the General Directorate of Livestock Services, through the Animal Health Division, according sanitary requirements to be determined;

WHEREAS: I) the disease is present in neighbouring countries, causing cases of mortality in humans;

II) the article 18 of the Resolution MERCOSUR / GMC / RES Nº 52 / 2012 governing between States Parties, enables the country of entry, to not authorize the entrance into its territory, of animals previously diagnosed with Leishmaniosis;

III) it is deemed necessary to protect the health situation of our country where there have been no human cases of the disease, ensuring

that animals entering the national territory, meet appropriate health condition, and do not involve risk to public health;

IV) it is deemed convenient to adopt adequate sanitary measures, to minimize the risk dissemination of the disease through the entry of canines by any border crossing, as they may be carriers of the disease,

V) the disease is located in two departments in the north of the country, with low prevalence, deserving the application of prevention measures throughout the national territory in order to prevent the spread of the disease in other areas of the country;

ATTENTIVE TO: the abovementioned, the provisions of Law N° 3,606 dated April 13, 1910; Decree N° 14/993 of January 12, 1993, article 215 of Law N° 18.362 of October 6, 2008; Decree N°. 290/013 of September 9, 2013 and the norms and recommendations established in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code and in the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE);

**THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF LIVESTOCK SERVICES
RESOLVES:**

1. To authorize the entry into the country of animals of the canine species, coming from countries or zones with Leishmaniasis, that must be accompanied by the following documentation: a) test for detection of negative immune response to Leishmaniosis according to the OIE "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals " carried out in advance not later than 60 days prior to admission; and (b) the health certificate required by Resolution MERCOSUR / GMC / RES N° 52/2012.
2. Communicate is to Animal Health and Animal Industry Divisions, and DILAVE, committing to these divisions, the greater diffusion of the measures provided for the purposes to protect the sanitary condition of the country.
3. Report to the General Directorate of the Secretariat and to the International Affairs Unit.
4. Report to the Ministry of Public Health.
5. Contact the National Customs Office and the Ministry of Tourism.
6. This resolution shall enter into force on the 1st of December 2016.
7. To be published in the Official Journal and on the MGAP Website, communicate, diffuse


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