

NORMATIVE INSTRUCTION 15, DATED MARCH 9, 2018

The MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY by virtue of the authority vested in him by Article 87, sole paragraph, item II, of the Federal Constitution, considering the provisions in Decree no. 24,114, of April 12, 1934, in Decree no. 24,458, of July 3, 1934, in Decree no. 5,741, of March 30, 2006, in Decree no. 8,133, of October 28, 2013, in Decree no. 8,762, of May 10, 2016, and what is laid down in Case file no. 03141.000003/201601, resolves:

Article 1. To create the National System for Agricultural and Livestock Emergencies - SINEAGRO, which comprises the set of agencies, activities, standards and procedures, acting in a permanent and coordinated fashion to ensure preparation for, and response to, agricultural and livestock emergencies.

Paragraph 1. The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply is the maximum authority of SINEAGRO, which will be strategically coordinated by the Secretariat of Animal and Plant Health (SDA) in compliance with the guidelines and procedures defined in the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies.

Paragraph 2. SINEAGRO will coordinate the National Force of SUASA - FN-SUASA established by per Decree no. 8,762 of 2016.

Paragraph 3. SINEAGRO shall be comprised of 2 (two) subsystems in its organic structure: the Brazilian System for Veterinary Surveillance and Emergencies, and the Brazilian System for Phytosanitary Surveillance and Emergencies, which shall both be under the responsibility and coordination of the Department of Animal Health and by the Department of Plant Health, respectively.

Paragraph 4. The organization of SINEAGRO will be comprised of 4 (four) levels of operation:

I - a political-administrative level;

II - a strategic level;

III - a tactical level; and

IV - an operational level.

Article 2. The Minister of State for Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, assisted by the SDA, shall represent the political-administrative level of SINEAGRO, whose objectives and duties are:

I - at the MAPA level, to ensure the necessary structure and resources to implement, coordinate and maintain the SINEAGRO.

II - to approve the “National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies”;

III - to ensure the institutional relationship with the National System for Civil Defense and Protection - SINPDEC;

IV - to declare a state of phytosanitary or zoonosanitary emergency as per Article 1 of Decree no. 8,133 of 2013;

V - to convene the National Force of the Unified Animal and Plant Health System (FN-SUASA) as per Article 3 of Decree no. 8,762 of 2016;

VI - to define the guidelines to fight trade embargoes and other impacts resulting from a phytosanitary or zoosanitary emergency;

VII - to coordinate the participation of the other institutions involved in the actions arising from the response to agricultural and livestock emergencies according to the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies;

VIII - to carry out management tasks with other government agencies for operational support, whenever necessary;

IX - to define the communication guidelines and strategies during the emergency actions in agreement with the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies;

X - to solve conflicts arising from the strategies defined at the strategic and tactical levels;

XI - to request support from international cooperation agencies; and

XII - to preside over the Crisis Committee created after the declaration of a phytosanitary or zoosanitary emergency in agreement with the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies.

Article 3. The SDA shall represent the strategic level of SINEAGRO with the following duties:

I - to establish and maintain within the Secretariat's organization chart the necessary organizational structure to manage SINEAGRO;

II - to define the management and operational guidelines for SINEAGRO to operate;

III - to prepare and coordinate the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies;

IV - to define the diseases or pests that require emergency intervention;

V - to implement the specific technical strategies for the emergency interventions;

VI - to support the preparation of specific action plans containing strategies, guidelines and technical standards to be adopted in the cases of agricultural and livestock emergency;

VII - to systematize and produce training programs proposed by the technical teams;

VIII - to make available and manage a system for the registration of professionals that enables the training initiatives, and the updating and specialization activities held, to be followed up;

IX - to promote the logistical support for the tactical and operational levels; and,

X - based upon the technical guidelines of SINEAGRO, to coordinate the FN-SUASA as per Decree no. 8,762 of 2016.

Sole paragraph. The Secretary of Animal and Plant Health shall:

I - coordinate the internal cooperation among the sectors involved in the emergency actions;

II - ensure the distribution of resources among the support sectors, highlighting the area for laboratory diagnosis;

III - define the flows of information from the strategic, tactical and operational levels during the emergency actions, in harmony with the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies;

IV - support the preparation and maintenance of information systems for agriculture and livestock surveillance and for the management of agriculture and livestock emergencies;

V - coordinate the preparation of agreements and transferring of resources in order to provide the State Animal and Plant Health Agencies with the necessary conditions to act in agricultural and livestock emergencies;

VI - preside over the National Committee for Agricultural and Livestock Emergencies - CONEAGRO established by Article 9;

VII - recognize the state of phytosanitary or zoosanitary emergency and propose its declaration;

VIII - seek support from government and private agencies, both national and international, to assist in agricultural and livestock emergencies according to Law;

IX - appoint the coordinator for the field actions to operate in agricultural and livestock emergencies as proposed by the competent department; and

X - present the information to the means of communication according to the communication plan in the National Contingency Plan for Agriculture and Livestock Emergencies.

Article 4. The Department of Animal Health and the Department of Plant Health, as representatives of the tactical level of SINEAGRO, and as responsible for the Brazilian System for Veterinary Surveillance and Emergencies and for the Brazilian System for Phytosanitary Surveillance and Emergencies, have the following duties:

I - to propose the diseases or pests that require emergency intervention;

II - to prepare the specific contingency plans containing strategies, guidelines and technical standards to be adopted in the cases of agricultural and livestock emergency;

III - to establish the criteria to form the FN-Suasa and appoint professionals to make it up, considering the different expertise, levels of action and jobs to be performed;

IV - to propose and coordinate the performance of training, exercises and field simulations;

V - to coordinate and guide the implementation of the field actions during emergency interventions;

VI - to define and maintain information systems for surveillance and emergency intervention;

VII - to keep the federal and state technical levels aligned; and

VIII - to act to solve operational conflicts.

Article 5. In addition to assisting the SDA Secretary regarding the duties in Article 4, the Directors of the Department of Plant Health and of the Department of Animal Health shall:

I - submit technical information about the system of phytosanitary and zoosanitary alerts;

II - plan and coordinate the technical training activities;

III - present the specific Contingency Plans for the different types of harms and disasters;

IV - coordinate the technical actions to be developed during the phases of agricultural and livestock emergencies (prevention, mitigation, preparation, response and recovery); and

V - submit notes and reports arising from emergency actions.

Article 6. The Operational Level of SINEAGRO shall be represented by the temporary structures made up of members of a technical body from several levels of SUASA and FN-Suasa, who will execute the activities and strategies to respond to the agricultural and livestock emergencies in the field, as appointed by the political, administrative, strategic and tactical levels.

Article 7. In order to guarantee the workforce, logistics and material resources necessary to carry out SINEAGRO's actions, MAPA may:

I - sign contracts, covenants and cooperation instruments; and

II - request the support of other agencies and institutions for the operations in response to the agricultural and livestock emergencies.

Article 8. MAPA will allot specific budget resources to create and maintain the SINEAGRO.

Article 9. MAPA will convene the National Committee on Agricultural and Livestock Emergencies (CONEAGRO) as the institutional forum to act regarding the relationships and liaisons of SINEAGRO with the other agencies and institutions involved in agricultural and livestock emergencies, including the production sector, with the following duties:

I - to analyze and propose strategies to be applied to the processes of preparation and response to agricultural and livestock emergencies;

II - to propose mechanisms for the funding and logistics necessary to meet the demands of the emergency activities, at the appropriate moment, and, when applicable, to compensate the owners of goods and products that have been destroyed or eliminated in order to contain the agricultural and livestock emergency;

III - to coordinate the participation of the private sector in sharing activities to carry out the emergency actions; and

IV - to inform the production sector about the necessary emergency actions and seek support for their implementation.

Article 10. This Normative Instruction shall come into force as of the date of its publication.

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