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7th MEETING OF THE PAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON FOOD SAFETY (COPAIA 7)

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COPAIA 7 RECOMMENDATIONS

Asunción, Paraguay

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RECOMMENDATION I

Risk Analysis

The 7th Meeting of the Pan-American Commission on Food Safety,

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The representatives were informed about the document; “Strategic Alliance for the creation of capabilities in risk analysis of food safety in the Americas”, and expressed the need to train professionals working in the competent authorities in risk analysis, beginning with undergraduate education;
- This training must take the entire food chain into account in an integrated manner;
- Social and economic determinants for food safety should be considered;
- Strengthening risk analysis is necessary, especially regarding the implementation of risk based inspection and surveillance programs;
- It is necessary to strengthen risk communication capabilities, including those of consumers.

RECOMMEND RIMSA TO:

1. Urge countries to:
 - a. Support the food safety risk analysis training program presented in the document.
2. Request PAHO Director to:
 - a. Formalize the alliance through a memorandum of understanding among the International Organizations (IICA/OIRSA/FAO/PAHO), academia and other stakeholders in the development of a Project that strengthens risk analysis capabilities.

(Approved in plenary session
on 20 July 2016)

RECOMMENDATION II

Antimicrobial Resistance

The 7th Meeting of the Pan-American Commission on Food Safety,

CONSIDERING THAT:

- COPAIA 7 recognizes that the correct and rational use of antimicrobials is fundamental to preserve human and animal health by preventing antimicrobial resistance;
- WHO/FAO/OIE have identified an increase of antimicrobial resistance as a global health crisis;
- Antimicrobial resistance is being associated with the excessive use of antimicrobial drugs in human medicine, veterinary, agricultural, livestock and aquaculture production, inadequate or nonexistent programs for infection prevention and control, substandard drugs, insufficient laboratory capabilities, inadequate surveillance, insufficient regulation of antimicrobial drugs and the inappropriate commercial promotion of antibiotic use;
- An integrated, robust and collaborative approach is necessary to fight antimicrobial resistance, involving countries in all regions and actors from the various sectors, using the “One Health” approach;
- It is necessary to establish baseline data and institute surveillance programs throughout the food chain;
- Sustainable integrated resistance surveillance is expensive, laborious and includes many challenges, from design and prioritization, inter agency collaboration, gathering and integrating information, data interpretation, publishing reports of findings for different audiences in a timely manner, and using the data to formulate sound public health policy;
- New technologies for the detection of antimicrobial resistance are available.

RECOMMEND RIMS TO:

1. Urge countries to:
 - a. Develop national action plans by May of 2017 for containing antimicrobial resistance, according to the World Health Organization’s resolution (WHA A68/20), considering the needs to:
 - i. improve awareness and knowledge on the subject of antimicrobial resistance;
 - ii. reinforce surveillance and research;
 - iii. strengthen prevention and infection control programs;
 - iv. optimize the use of antimicrobial drugs in human and veterinary medicine;
 - v. ensure sustainable investments in the fight against antimicrobial resistance in public and private human and agricultural health sectors.
 - b. Promote best practices in both human and agricultural health including aquaculture in order to reduce the use of antimicrobials.

- c. Analyze, together with International Organizations, the availability of human and financial resources through national, bilateral and multilateral channels to execute strategies that implement these recommendations.
2. Request PAHO Director to:
 - a. Cooperate in the development of laboratory capabilities, to include new diagnostic techniques for the detection of resistance.
 - b. Cooperate in the implementation of integrated surveillance systems for antimicrobial resistance, to include the use and consumption of antimicrobials.
 - c. Provide technical cooperation to support the development and implementation of national plans with other international and regional organizations, favoring the exchange of experiences among countries as well as the fostering of regional cooperation.

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RECOMMENDATION III

Food Quality

The 7th Meeting of the Pan-American Commission on Food Safety,

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The prevalence of non-communicable chronic illness is rising in the region and it is the main cause of death, causing a high social and economic impact;
- It is necessary to work with the concept of safe and healthy foods;
- Countries are working on a regulatory framework for a healthy diet;
- It is necessary to promote programs of food and nutrition education;
- It is necessary to promote harmonized regulatory framework on labeling regarding calorie content, saturated and trans fats, sodium and sugar.

RECOMMENDATION RIMSA TO:

1. Urge countries to:
 - a. Generate regulatory frameworks at a national level, that are harmonized internationally under the coordination of relevant Ministries;
 - b. Develop and implement food and nutrition education programs with a focus on safe and healthy foods;
 - c. Consider integrating programs of nutritional quality and food safety;
 - d. Analyze, together with International Organizations, the availability of human and financial resources through national, bilateral and multilateral channels to execute strategies that implement these recommendations.
2. Request PAHO Director to:
 - a. Advocate with governments to implement legislation on labeling.

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Español:

EN FE DE LO CUAL, la Presidente de la Reunión, Dra. Laura Mendoza de Arbo, Directora General del Instituto Nacional de Alimentación y Nutrición (INAN); el Director del Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPS/OMS, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi y los representantes del más alto nivel del sector público, privado, productor y consumidor de las cinco subregiones que integran la Comisión: Andina, Caribe, Cono Sur, Mesoamérica y Norteamérica, firman la lista de presencia en la 7ª Reunión de la COPAIA, realizada en la ciudad de Asunción, Paraguay, el día 20 de julio del dos mil dieciséis.

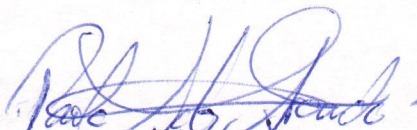
Português:

EM FÉ DO QUAL, a Presidente da Reunião, Dra. Laura Mendoza de Arbo, Diretora Geral do Instituto Nacional de Alimentação e Nutrição (INAN); o Diretor do Centro Pan-Americano de Febre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPAS/OMS, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi e os representantes do mais alto nível do setor público, privado, produtor e consumidor das cinco sub-regiões que integram a Comissão: Andina, Caribe, Cone Sul, Centro América e América do Norte, assinam a lista de presença na 7ª Reunião da COPAIA, realizada na cidade de Assunção, Paraguai, no dia 20 de julho de dois mil e dezesseis.

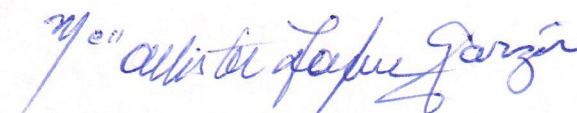
English:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Meeting, Dr. Laura Mendoza de Arbo, Director General from National Institute of Food and Nutrition (INAN); and the Director of the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center - PANAFTOSA-PAHOWHO, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi and the representative of the highest level of public and private sector of the six sub-regions that compose the Commission: Andean, Caribbean, Southern Cone, Central America and North America, have signed the list of participants for the 7th COPAIA Meeting, held in Asunción, Paraguay, on 20 July 2016.

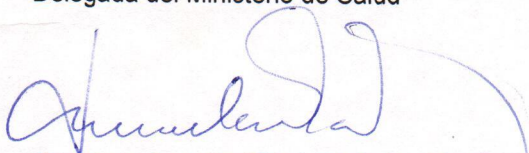
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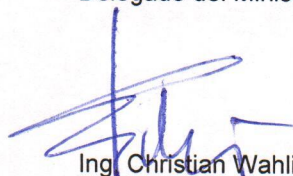
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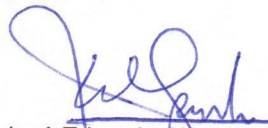
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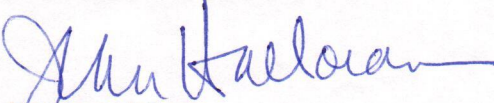

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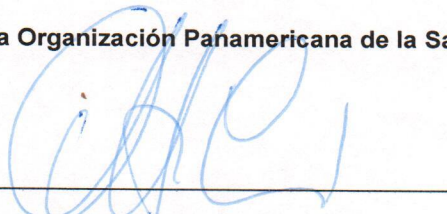

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