



South American Commission for the Fight against Foot-and-Mouth Disease

6th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COSALFA

Brasília, DF – Brazil | 21 July 2017

INTRODUCTION

On 24 June 2017, the Colombian Agricultural and Livestock Institute (ICA) of Colombia informed the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) the detection of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease caused by an O-type virus in a cattle herd located in the municipality of Tame, Arauca. In addition, the ICA has declared a health emergency and initiated focus control actions based on the provisions of its contingency plan in order to overcome the health emergency and restore the health status of free with vaccination.

The appearance of the outbreak of FMD in Colombia occurs after a period of four years without records of the disease on the continent, and not only had an impact on the livestock sector in Colombia, but also raised concerns about the risk posed to the objectives of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of FMD (PHEFA).

In order to comply with the health measures that the ICA has implemented to control the outbreak, as well as the results of the epidemiological and laboratory investigation, and to assess and report the risk that this recurrence of the disease represents for the PHEFA final phase, the member countries of COSALFA were summoned to an extraordinary meeting to be held in the city of Brasília DF, Brazil, on 21 July, 2017.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday, 21 July, 2017

08:30 - Registration

08:45 - Opening of the Meeting

- Welcoming remarks by *Ottorino Cosivi* - Director of PANAFTOSA- PAHO/WHO and *Guilherme Marques*, Director of the Department of Animal Health, MAPA, Brazil and Pro-Tempore President of COSALFA
- Presentation of Delegates
- Reading and approval of the Meeting Program
- Eleccion of the Rapporteurs

09:00 - **FIRST SESSION** - Presentation of actions of Disease Control and epidemiological investigation of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Colombia, 2017
Representative of ICA, Colombia

09:45 - Discussion

10:30 - Break

10:45 - **SECOND SESSION** - Presentation of the laboratory results made with the viral strain isolated from the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Arauca – Colombia, 2017.

Rossana Allende, PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO

11:15 - Discussion

11:30 - **THIRD SESSION** - Actions of neighboring countries regarding FMD detection in Colombia:

- Brazil
- Ecuador
- Venezuela

12:15 - Discussion

12:30 - Lunch

14:00 - **FOURTH SESSION** - Risk assessment and management associated with the occurrence of Colombia's focus in the PHEFA context.

Alejandro Rivera, PANAFTOSA- PAHO/WHO

14:30 - Discussion

14:45 - Break

15:45 - Presentation and Approval of Resolutions

17:00 - Closing