



**Pan American
Health
Organization**

Regional Office of the
World Health Organization
Veterinary Public Health
Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center

RIMSA 16

COHEFA 12 | COPAIA 6 | FORUM: SURVEILLANCE

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The 16th Inter-American Meeting at Ministerial Level on Health and Agriculture (RIMSA 16) will be held in Santiago, Chile, July 26-27.

Three important technical events will be held in preparation for the ministerial meeting: the 12th Meeting of the Hemispheric Committee for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COHEFA 12), the 6th Meeting of the Pan-American Commission on Food Safety (COPAIA 6) both on 24 July 2012; and the Inter-Agency Forum on "Toward Integrated Epidemiological Surveillance" on 25 July 2012.

VENUE OF THE MEETINGS

The meetings will be held in the:

Hotel Crowne Plaza

Al. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins N° 136
Santiago, Santiago, Chile

Phone: +56 2 6855000, +56 2 6381042

REGISTRATION

Observers invited for meetings should make the registration through the form available on the website:

<http://new.paho.org/panaftosa>.

The submission of the form, correctly filled, will help us to serve you better.

SERVICES

For the participants of the RIMSA 16 will be provided simultaneous translation into English, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

For the participants of the meetings COHEFA 12, COPAIA 6 and FORO: "Toward Integrated Epidemiological Surveillance", will be provided simultaneous translation into English, Spanish and Portuguese.

DOCUMENTS

The meeting documents will be available at the website:

<http://new.paho.org/panaftosa>

TRANSPORTATION

The Ministers of Agriculture and of Health who will attend RIMSA 16 will pass through VIP rooms upon landing and will have Airport-Hotel-Airport transportation at their disposal. To make the proper arrangements we need to know their itinerary ahead of time.

Those attending the COPAIA and the COHEFA meetings and the Forum are advised to engage at their arrival a transfer service among those located inside the airport, which are accredited.

[http://www.aeropuertოსantiago.cl/medios-de-transporte-desde-y-hacia-scl/taxis.html](http://www.aeropuertোসantiago.cl/medios-de-transporte-desde-y-hacia-scl/taxis.html)

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Reciprocity Fee

Before being admitted into the country by the International Police, holders of passports from Australia, Canada, United States, Mexico, and Albania have to pay a reciprocity fee.

- Australia US\$ 95
- Albania US\$ 30
- Canadá US\$ 132
- Estados Unidos US\$ 140
- México US\$ 23

Further information at the Collection Windows

Telephone (+ 56 2) 690 10 63

After attaching the payment slip to their passport, passengers should proceed to immigration control.

International Police

To be admitted into the country, passengers should go through immigration control and present to the International Police their identification documents: I.D. card or Passport with the stamped visa (depending on the country of origin). Passengers will then proceed to the baggage claim area through the duty-free shop and go through Customs and SAG (Chile's agricultural inspection service).

Customs

Passengers are entitled to bring in tax free those items that form part of a traveler's baggage. A traveler's baggage consists of: Travel items (bags, handbags, personal effects), clothes or accessories, electric toilet appliances, items for personal use (alarm clock, camera, typewriter, and hand calculator) worn or used and appropriate for the normal use and needs of the person importing or exporting them and not for sale.

Items used solely for the exercise of the passenger's profession or occupation, provided they are used, portable, for manual use, of simple manufacture, need no installation for their normal use and are appropriate to the passenger's profession or occupation.

An adult passenger (above 18) may bring in up to 400 cigarettes, 500 g of pipe tobacco, 50 cigars, and 2.5 liters of liquor.

The following items are not considered to be baggage:

- Home furniture.
- Household items, china, linen, and pictures.
- Musical instruments.
- Electronic or electric appliances, parts, and artifacts.
- Office furnishings.



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Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG)

Passengers must declare if they are bringing in the following items:

- Milk, butter, cream, and cheeses.
- Fruit, garden produce, and fresh vegetables.
- Meat of any kind, dried meat, and sausages.
- Seeds, grains, dehydrated or dried fruit.
- Fruit, ornamental, or forest plants or parts thereof: branches, stakes, bulbs, and other. Flowers, dried flowers, and garden plants.
- Woods or barks.
- Insects, snail, and other. Bacteria and fungi for scientific research. Bees, honey, and beeswax.
- Animal semen and veterinary biological and pharmaceutical products.
- Small animals and pets (dogs, cats, and others). Birds.
- Live wild species, their products or by products.

Important to bear in mind:

To make a Sworn Declaration that is not truthful is a crime and may entail short- to medium-term imprisonment (61 days to three years); refusal to make a sworn declaration is subject to a fine according to the regulations.

In this area passengers will find taxi, public transportation buses, and official van counters. These means of transportation can take passengers to different parts of the city.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CHILE

General information about the city of Santiago

Santiago, with a population of 6,000,000, is the capital of the Republic and is located at 543 m above sea level in the country's central part.

Climate

Temperate, with well-defined seasons that range from rainy winters with temperatures of 0° C (May thru September) to dry summers with temperatures around 30° (November thru March). Relative humidity is low. July is one of the coldest and rainiest months. You are advised to check the weather forecast before your trip: <http://www.meteochile.gob.cl/>

Tourism

Santiago is located one hour and a half from the coast, where are located Valparaíso, Viña del Mar, and Isla Negra, for instance. The latter houses the Pablo Neruda Museum. Detailed tourist information can be obtained at www.sernatur.cl.

Chilean monetary unit

Chile's monetary unit is the peso (\$) and the exchange rate is approximately \$ 500 to one dollar. On-line currency conversion.

Electricity

Electric power in Chile is 220 volts, 50 Hz, AC.

The type of plug is



HOTEL OPTIONS

Hotel Crowne Plaza

official hotel of the events
until US\$195
Av Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 136, Santiago, Santiago, Chile
Reservation +56 2 6855000

Hotel Plaza San Francisco

***** 5 star
until US\$173
Al. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins N° 816
Santiago, Santiago, Chile
Phone: +56 2 6393832

Hotel Galerías

until US\$156
San Antonio 65,
Santiago, Chile
Phone: +56 2 4707400

Hotel NH

**** 4 star
until US\$140
Avenida Condell 40 Providencia
Santiago, Chile
Phone: +56 2 3417575

Hotel Neruda

until US\$140
Avenida Pedro de Valdivia 164
Providencia, Santiago, Chile
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Hotel Cesar Business

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