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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN COLOMBIA

COMMUNICATION FROM COLOMBIA

The following communication, received on 7 January 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Colombia.

1. As established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, animal health and welfare and veterinary public health must be improved worldwide to ensure safe international trade in terrestrial animals (mammals, birds and bees) and their products.

2. Similarly, the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code seeks to improve aquatic animal health and the welfare of farmed fish worldwide, through standards that promote safe international trade in amphibians, crustaceans, molluscs, fish and their products.

3. Wildlife diseases can have a serious impact on livestock health and public health, and can adversely affect wildlife conservation. Wildlife health surveillance must therefore be considered just as important as domestic animal health surveillance.

4. In this respect, the Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA), acting on instructions to ensure the country's agricultural health by meeting international reference standards, has adopted Resolution No. 003714 of 20 October 2015 "*Establishing diseases that are notifiable in Colombia*", with a view to preventing the introduction and/or spread of diseases that may affect animals of economic and social importance (<http://www.ica.gov.co/Normatividad/Normas-Ica/Resoluciones.aspx>).

5. The provisions established in Resolution No. 003714 of 20 October 2015 will be applicable to all natural or legal persons that own animals, in any capacity, and/or that market animals, and to veterinarians and to laboratories that are aware of the positive diagnosis of a disease, infection or infestation affecting the following species:

- a. various species;
- b. bovine animals;
- c. ovine/caprine animals;
- d. equidae;
- e. birds;
- f. suidae;
- g. lagomorphs;
- h. bees;
- i. fish;
- j. molluscs;
- k. amphibians; and
- l. crustaceans.

6. Natural or legal persons owning animals, in any capacity, and/or marketing animals, and veterinarians and laboratories that are aware of the positive diagnosis of a disease, infection or infestation affecting the above-mentioned species, are required to notify the ICA offices, in writing or by digital means, and provide the following information:

- Date of notification; name and identification details of person notifying; name of establishment and name of its owner, possessor or holder and their identification details; location of establishment (department, municipality, area); species diagnosed as positive for a disease, infection or infestation listed in Article 4 of Resolution No. 003714; total number of animals exposed to the disease; total number of animals examined; total number of animals that have fallen ill; total number of dead animals; and name of the diagnosed disease. Laboratory results must also be attached.
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