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## SELF-DECLARATION OF A ZONE FREE OF AUJESZKY'S DISEASE

### COMMUNICATION FROM COLOMBIA

The following communication, received on 5 November 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Colombia.

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1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures relating to the recognition of pest- or disease-free areas, we hereby notify the self-declaration, on 20 May 2020 under Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) [Resolution No. 068170<sup>1</sup>](#), of a zone free of Aujeszky's disease in Colombia.

2. Since 2015, serological sampling as part of active surveillance and the monitoring of notifications have been carried out without any detection of Aujeszky's disease. As a result, the ICA, in accordance with World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines, was able to demonstrate the absence of viral activity, thereby allowing for the self-declaration of this zone of Colombia as free of Aujeszky's disease and for the establishment of the conditions governing this self-declaration.

3. The Aujeszky's disease-free zone comprises the departments of Antioquia (except the subregions of Urabá and Bajo Cauca), Boyacá, Caldas, Caquetá, Cauca (north and centre), Casanare (south), Chocó, Cundinamarca, Huila, Meta, Quindío, Risaralda, Santander, Tolima and Valle del Cauca.

4. This area has a swine population of approximately 2,700,000 animals on around 37,000 farms. It also accounts for 95% of the country's industrialized swine production and is home to the main genetics centres and slaughterhouses for the export of pigs.

5. In light of the above, we wish to invite WTO Members to share this information with their health authorities so that the restrictions imposed by certain countries may be lifted, thus facilitating processes to ensure compliance with sanitary requirements.

6. Further enquiries regarding the measures implemented by the ICA may be addressed to: [asuntos.internacionales@ica.gov.co](mailto:asuntos.internacionales@ica.gov.co).

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<sup>1</sup> ICA Resolution No. 068170 of 20 May 2020 may be viewed at:  
<https://www.ica.gov.co/getattachment/f5ec14ab-9bd9-44e4-ba31-f41ab16a6fcf/2020R68170.aspx>.