

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION

Communication from Paraguay

The following communication, received on 12 June 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Paraguay.

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1. In the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the National Animal Quality and Health Service (SENACSA) for the strengthening of the official veterinary service in Paraguayan Chaco, APHIS built and fitted out three buildings, in Pozo Hondo, Margariño and Solitario, in the Department of Boquerón on the Argentine border, which will serve as offices for the area units of SENACSA.
 2. Apart from the building infrastructure, the project provided for:
 - A number of vehicles (three four-wheel drive vans and three motorcycles) needed by staff for work-related transport;
 - communication equipment for each one of the offices, consisting of HF radio transmitters, fixed and mobile for installation in the vehicles, as well as GPS equipment, office equipment, etc.;
 - three electricity generator kits, three water pumps including motor and tank;
 - refrigeration equipment for the maintenance of biologicals.
 3. SENACSA thanks APHIS for the cooperation and technical assistance it has provided the institution by strengthening areas that are critical to epidemiological surveillance of animal diseases, as well as the IICA for its constant support during this undertaking.
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