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### **AGRICULTURE HEALTH MEASURES APPLICABLE TO AIRCRAFTS ENTERING TO COSTA RICA**

The Civil Aviation Direction General in coordination with “Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería,” will like to inform all aircrafts operators that enter the country that pursuant **FITO/ ZOOSANITARIOS** regulations established by agriculture authorities, the following health measures must be applied:

#### **AIRCRAFTS** **AIRCRAFTS SPRAYING:**

##### **1. ON COCKPIT**

- a) When agriculture health authorities of “Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería” (M.A.G.), considers convenient to carry out a spraying on ground, it will be allow passengers and crew-members to move out of the cockpit. Right after that, it will proceed performing an inspection to verify the treatment effectiveness.
- b) Properly identified officials of Agricultural Health can enter into aircrafts, after passengers and crew-members had left them, in order to perform an inspection. If some, vegetable and/or animal product is being detected it will proceed taking the corresponding quarantine measures. The above-mentioned is conducted *before the aircraft cleaning personnel enter.*

##### **2. CARGO COMPARTMENT**

- a) The aircrafts shall be inspected by agriculture authorities when considers it necessary or to consider that the aircraft for its origin represents a risk of plagues introduction into the country.
- b) Inspections will be executed according Manual Procedures of “Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería”.
- c) Aircrafts coming for inspection or maintenance shall undergo to the same dispositions.



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### **3. PASSENGERS**

- a) All passenger and/or crew-member entering to the country taking vegetable and/or animal products shall declare them.
- b) Aircrafts enter in the country shall provide the documents to fulfill with the declaration that the legislation contemplate.
- c) Baggage inspection includes carry on bags of passengers and crew-member which will pass through X'S RAYS equipment and if some product is being detected, will go over to agriculture authority inspection.
- d) If plants are founded, animal and/or vegetable products or sub-products, chemical, biological substances or related, equipments, agriculture machinery or another justified by technical reasons and if to use them are considered harmful for agriculture, health and environment, the agriculture inspector will follow procedures of "Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería".
- e) All alive animals coming on commercial flights with passengers shall come with documents that M.A.G requests, those are zoo-sanitary certification of origin country (vaccination and parasites treating)
- f) Baggage not picked up by passenger and be under airline care shall pass through X rays equipment, previous departure and if some risk product is founded will proceed to its inspection and later product seizure.

### **4. CARGO AND OTHER ARTICLES**

- a) Cargo manifests shall specify all animal and/or vegetable products in a detailed way.
- b) Consolidated shall mention, each product name per separate.
- c) Vegetable and/or animal cargo shall have documents required by country agriculture authorities. Also for clearance it must fulfill with technical and administrative procedures.
- d) Before aircraft arrival, cargo manifest will be deposited in SPANISH language at M.A.G mailbox, located at Quarantine Offices next to "Aduana Santamaría".



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- e) In case of in-transit products, these must have the respective M.A.G permission and fulfill with technical and administrative procedures to remain in the country and to travel through it. Also shall be inspected to verify that these do not constitute a risk of plague introduction.
- f) Aircrafts transporting vegetable and/or animal products or sub-products that do not fulfill with import agriculture requirements shall be reshipe it immediately to the origin country.
- g) In case vegetable and/or animal products or sub-products do not fulfill agriculture requirements established by our country, it will proceed according to M.A.G. procedures.
- h) All in-transit product presenting problems will be remitted immediately to the origin country.
- i) All couriers shall carry the general deck and those containing vegetable and/or animal products and sub-products, biological or related, agrochemical, equipments, agriculture machinery, leather implements for animals or other justified by technical reasons, must have M.A.G. import permits and their clearance must be authorized by an official of this Dependency.
- j) In case of quarantine plagues detection for Costa Rica, re-delivery to the origin country will be ordered.
- k) In case aircrafts contains residuals in their cargo compartments, passengers and/or cockpits, M.A.G. will order their cleaning and will pick up residuals before fumigation.

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