

ABPA BIOSECURITY PROCEDURES

Dear Sirs,

As is public knowledge, there is a health crisis affecting several poles of poultry production in the world, with the registration of Avian Influenza cases in wild birds and in production units.

More than 50 countries on five different continents have reported outbreaks since November. The slaughtering of millions of birds (broilers, laying hens, turkeys, etc) affected whole production systems. Markets restricted imports. Even the domestic supply of products in these countries was affected. Billions in losses have already been recorded.

A map, at OIEs website, detailing the affected areas is available at the link: http://www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Diseaseinformation/Diseaseoutbreakmaps

Brazil, fortunately, remains the only major producer in the world to NEVER REGISTER INFLUENZA IN ITS TERRITORY.

In this regard, considering the severity of this scenario and our international position as one of the best sanitary status in the world - **ABPA informs the RECOMMENDATION of biosecurity measures in all links of the production chain.**

Among these, we recommend the **PROHIBITION** of visits of persons from other countries to poultry houses and agro industrial facilities of birds and eggs producing companies with living animals or which have direct relationship with these facilities, such as feed factories and production unit's offices.

In addition, we request the **MAXIMUM RESTRICTION OF THE VISITS OF ANY ORIGIN AND ACTIVITY NOT LINKED TO THE COMPANY.** These visits should be limited to what is strictly necessary, following the basic procedures listed below:

A) RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO VISITS:

1. **All international visits, to all productive structures with live birds (farms) or having a direct relationship with them, such as feed factories and hatcheries, are forbidden for an indefinite period.**

Visits to offices, distribution centers and slaughterhouses are allowed taking in consideration the following quarantine procedures as well as the guidelines of this **Biosecurity Procedures:**

Visitors (Brazilian or not) from other countries	Quarantine period to be followed in Brazil before the visit
People who had no contact with live birds in the 15 days prior to arrival in Brazil	3 days in Brazilian territory without contact with birds or establishments that contain birds, before visiting the first establishment in Brazil;
People who have had contact with live birds in the 15 days prior to arrival in Brazil	7 days in Brazilian territory without contact with birds or establishments that contain birds, before visiting the first establishment in Brazil;

We remind you that the procedures above apply to anyone from abroad, whether or not residing in Brazil. This includes: company employees, customers, auditors, maintenance technicians, farmers, partners, and anyone else coming in from overseas.

Foreign missions will not need to carry out any type of quarantine when they are between visits to slaughterhouses in national territory.

2. Procedures prior to visits

Before accessing any productive unit, every visitor should bathe in the hotel. For the transfer between the hotel and the production unit, visitors must wear the traffic clothes (pants, shirt, socks and non-slip shoes) provided by the company. The unit that will receive the visit is responsible for providing the traffic clothes, according to the sizes informed in the biosafety forms.

The clothes must be sent to the hotel where the visitors will be staying, before their arrival, properly packed in individual plastic bags and identified with the names of the respective visitors. At the end of the day, clothing should be sent to the laundry room and the unit staff should provide new clothing for the next day's visit.

Upon arrival at the production unit, visitors will receive a new exchange of clothes and shoes (clothes for internal visitation), as well as earplugs, masks and gloves (if necessary). At the end of the visit, visitors should return the use of traffic clothes to return to the hotel.

When the visitor is more than 10 days in Brazil, it will not be necessary to use traffic clothes. However, in case of delegations integrated by visitors in this situation and by other visitors who have recently arrived in Brazil, everyone must wear traffic clothes.

When technicians from other countries are required to install or maintain equipment in slaughterhouses, these people must comply with the provisions of the above items and all equipment and machinery of these technicians must be cleaned and disinfected with products effective to inactivate the Avian Influenza virus.

B) GENERAL BIOSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY COMPANIES AND FARMERS

- 1.1. Only authorize visits according to the procedures recommended above.
- 1.2. Forbid the entrance of vehicles that do not belong to the process. The vehicles that necessarily must have access to the farm (mainly tires, wheels and fenders) must be cleaned and disinfected with products effective inactivating AI viruses;
- 1.3. Keep a record of all visits carried out in the establishment using the attached model, or the standard model already in use by the integrating company;
- 1.4. Demand that all technicians and veterinarians of the company, within the property dependencies, and before entering these, the parent farm and hatcheries facilities, take shower and wear clothes and equipment supplied by the company;
- 1.5. Demand that all technicians and veterinarians of the company, within the establishment facilities, and before entering the broilers, hen, turkey, duck, goose, quail or any other aviary, wear clothes and equipment supplied by the company;
- 1.6. Direct the dead or eliminated birds exclusively to compost or incineration;
- 1.7. Perform an adequate treatment or fermentation whenever the aviary litter is removed;
- 1.8. Keep an effective pest control system;
- 1.9. Clean and disinfect the facilities according to technical orientation;
- 1.10. Notify the technician or veterinarian in charge whenever there is a problem in the lot;
- 1.11. Do not raise any other bird species in the property, eliminating, immediately after the shipment of the lot, the birds for own consumption;
- 1.12. Keep the poultry farm area isolated by a fence for isolation purposes;
- 1.13. Make sure the water sources are sealed, in order to avoid contamination.

Kind Regards,

FRANCISCO TURRA
EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

Visitor Control Sheet

Data / Date	
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Nome / Name	
Endereço Residencial / Private Address	
Nome da Empresa / Name of the Company	
Endereço Comercial / Business Address	
Telefone / Telephone:	e-mail:
Motivo da Visita / Reason for the visit	
Última Avicultura Visitada, Local e Data Last Poultry Farm Visited, Address and Date	
Próxima Avicultura a Ser Visitada, Local e Data Next Poultry Farm to be Visited, Address and Date	
Quando e onde foi o último contato com aves vivas? When and where was the last contact with live poultry or birds?	
Assinatura Signature	