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Establishes the Quality Assessment and Improvement System for Official Pest Prevention and Control Programs - AudiFito.

The Secretary Of Agricultural Defense, Ministry Of Agriculture And Livestock, in accordance with art. 22 and art. 49 of Annex I to Decree No. 11,332 of January 1st, 2023, and in view of the provisions of Decree No. 24,114 of April 12th, 1934, in Decree No. 5,741 of March 30th, 2006, in Decree No. 5,759 of April 17th, 2006, and what is contained in process SEI No. 21000.092059/2023-91, resolves:

Art. 1 The System for Quality Assessment and Improvement of Official Pest Prevention and Control Programs - AudiFito is hereby established, which aims to evaluate, monitor and continuously improve official plant health actions at the national level.

Art. 2 AudiFito will be applied to public or private institutions that execute or provide services related to official pest prevention and control programs at federal or state level.

§ 1º The institutions subject to the evaluation process will be called Audited Units.

§ 2º The Audited Units will be evaluated by Federation Unit, through the monitoring of indicators and the performance of audits and supervisions.

Art. 3 AudiFito will be coordinated by the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs, within the scope of the Secretariat of Agricultural Defense of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

Sole paragraph. The operational procedures, methodologies, and techniques for monitoring and evaluating AudiFito quality indicators will be published on the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock's website.

Art. 4 The monitoring of quality indicators will be carried out based on the analysis of databases owned by the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs and other institutions.

Art. 5 Audits and supervision of the system will be regular, in accordance with the established schedule, or specific, aiming to address specific situations.

Sole paragraph. The Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs shall publish, by the last business day of November each year, the audit cycle schedule for the subsequent year.

Art. 6. Pest control and prevention programs implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Plant Health and Defense Agencies, and other agents in the chain will be evaluated in remote or in-person audits regarding the following fundamental components:

- I - human, physical and financial resources;
- II - authority, managerial, technical and operational capacity;
- III - interaction with stakeholders; and
- IV - guidelines established in general and specific regulations for each program.

§ 1 The fundamental components of the audit will be described and evaluated as audit criteria based on methodological tools developed by the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs.

§ 2 For each audit finding evaluated, recommendations may be presented, which will be the subject of corrective action plans to be implemented by the Audited Units.

§ 3 The Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs will publish a manual that will establish the methodologies and procedures for audits and supervision of the Audited Units, which will be approved by the Secretariat of Agricultural Defense and published on the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock's website.

Art. 7 The representations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in the Federation Units will be evaluated within the scope of plant health using the same methodology defined in the manual referred to in § 3 of art. 6.

Art. 8. The audit teams will be composed of Federal Agricultural Tax Auditors, with training in agronomy, trained in accordance with the annual audit training program and designated by a specific normative act of the Secretariat of Agricultural Defense.

§ 1 Each team will be made up of at least three auditors appointed by the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs.

§ 2 Audit work will take priority over other activities of the Federal Agricultural Tax Auditors assigned to the AudiFito audit team.

§ 3 Depending on the degree of complexity and the necessary sampling, the audit may be carried out simultaneously by more than one team.

§ 4 The Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs may invite specialists from other sectors of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock or from other institutions, with recognized technical capacity in areas of interest, to accompany, support or assist the audit team.

Art. 9 The duration and itinerary of the audit, in each federative unit, will be defined by the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs, seeking efficiency and quality.

Sole paragraph. The duration and itinerary of the audit in each federative unit will consider, among other criteria, logistics and territorial extension, technical complexity, and sampling for assessment.

Art. 10. The auditors assigned to the audit teams will be available to the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs for the period necessary to dedicate themselves to preparatory actions, as well as to prepare the preliminary audit report.

Sole paragraph. Auditors must submit the preliminary report, in accordance with established standards, within thirty days after the audit is completed.

Art. 11. The unit of the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs, responsible for the audits, will review the preliminary report, adapting it to the established standards and criteria, maintaining, for this purpose, interaction with the auditors.

§ 1 The Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs will send the revised preliminary audit report to the Audited Unit, within thirty days, so that it can present the appropriate considerations.

§ 2º The statements of the Intermediate and Local Instances will be part of the final report, provided that they are forwarded within the period defined in § 1º.

§ 3 After evaluating the considerations of the audited party, the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs will send the final audit report to the Audited Unit.

Art. 12. The final audit reports will be published by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock on its website, in compliance with the principle of publicity and in accordance with the legislation on access to information.

Art. 13. The Audited Unit must prepare and forward to the respective Federal Superintendence of Agriculture and Livestock the corrective action plan for the findings and recommendations described in the final audit report.

§ 1º After receiving the corrective action plan, the Federal Superintendence of Agriculture and Livestock will evaluate it and forward it to the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs, which will also proceed with its evaluation;

§ 2 After the corrective action plan has been accepted, the Federal Superintendence of Agriculture and Livestock will begin carrying out the follow-up audit to verify its compliance.

Art. 14. The Federal Superintendents of Agriculture and Livestock, when requested, must designate a Federal Agricultural Tax Auditor and his/her deputy, assigned to the plant health unit, to act as the focal point of AudiFito in the respective Federation Unit.

Sole paragraph. The focal point's responsibilities are:

I - evaluate the data and quality indicators of the Audited Unit of its Federation Unit of exercise and promote the exchange of information related to the topic with interested parties;

II - support actions to carry out plant health audits in its Federation Unit;

III - accompany the audit team, when in their Federation Unit of assignment;

IV - guide the preparation and evaluate the action plans presented by the Audited Unit of its Federation Unit of exercise, in compliance with the audit recommendations and findings;

V - coordinate and promote, together with the technical unit of the Federal Superintendence of Agriculture, the programming and carrying out of audits to monitor action plans;

VI - meet the demands of the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs related to AudiFito of its Federation Unit of operation, as well as keep the Department informed on the subject; and

VII - prepare and send to the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs all reports, periodic or otherwise, relating to:

a) supervisions carried out by the technical unit of the Federal Superintendence of Agriculture; and

b) to AudiFito and the Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs of its Federation Unit of exercise.

Art. 15. This Ordinance shall come into force on the date of its publication.