

## **BIOSAFETY PROCEDURES FOR VISITS TO POULTRY AND HOG SECTORS**

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ABPA advises that biosafety measures be applied in every link of the production chain. To do this, all companies have to create biosafety protocols and widely divulge them to employees and visitors.

ABPA recommends **RESTRICTED ACCESS** for anyone coming from abroad to agro-industrial facilities across the pork or poultry production chain - especially if the country of origin has an active outbreak or is endemic for OIE immediate alert diseases.

In addition, **MAXIMUM RESTRICTION OF VISITS of all kinds and of activities not connected to the company is recommended, with these visits and activities being able to occur only when indispensable and following the procedures described below.**

### **A) RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO TRANSIT OF PEOPLE:**

It is recommended that any individual accessing poultry and pork agro-industrial facilities observe the biosafety procedures established by the company, as well as ABPA guidelines for transit of people external to production systems.

**Visits to any production structure (farms) with live pigs and poultry or that have a direct relationship with them, such as feed factories, should be avoided as much as possible and may only occur when strictly necessary and provided that the quarantine procedures described below are adopted.** No visitor to farms may have direct contact with live animals;

Visits to distribution centers and meatpacking plants may be allowed provided that the "quarantine" procedures described below are followed.

## **Quarantine procedures to be followed by visitors to agro-industrial establishments.**

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**Visitors (Brazilians or foreigners) coming from other countries**

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**Quarantine period to be followed in Brazil prior to visit**

People who state that they have had no contact with live animals (pigs and poultry) in the 15 days prior to arriving in Brazil

72 hours in Brazilian territory with no contact with animals (poultry or pigs) or with establishments containing these animals prior to visiting the first establishment in Brazil

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People who state that they have had contact with live animals (pigs and poultry) in the 15 days prior to arriving in Brazil

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7 days in Brazilian territory with no contact with animals (poultry or pigs) or with establishments containing these animals prior to visiting the first establishment in Brazil

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**Clothing, footwear, bags and backpacks used during travel should be appropriately cleaned upon return and prior to use in Brazil.**

**Quarantine procedures should be applied to anyone coming from abroad, whether or not they reside in Brazil.** It is recommended that the same rule apply to company employees, contractors and third parties, customers, private quality system auditors, maintenance technicians, rural producers, partners, etc.

**For official audit missions, biosafety procedures will be duly agreed upon with the Official Brazilian Service. All companies to be audited must adopt the same measures recommended above.**

**Procedures prior to visits:**

Before accessing any production unit, all visitors must bathe at the hotel.

When traveling between the hotel and the production unit, visitors and their companions should use transit clothing (trousers, shirt, socks and shoes) provided by the company.

The unit that will receive the visit is responsible for providing transit clothing, according to the sizes provided on biosafety forms.

It is recommended that no adornments or accessories be worn. However, when necessary, these items may be carried in bags that are preferably new, disposable and safe, provided by the company. Likewise, the use of objects and equipment not supplied by the company or previously disinfected should be avoided.

Clothing and bags that will be used for each visit should be sent to the hotel where the visitors are staying, appropriately placed in individual plastic bags and tagged with the names of the respective visitors. At the end of the day of the visit, clothes should be sent to a specialized laundry to be cleaned and new clothing and shoes will be provided by the unit team for the visit the next day.

Depending on the specific procedures at each company, when arriving at the production unit, the visitor may be asked to bathe again. Visitors will have a new change of clothes and shoes (clothes for internal visit), in addition to ear protection, masks, hats and gloves (if needed). Personal belongings that are allowed into the unit must undergo the appropriate disinfection process. At the end of the visit, visitors should return to wearing their transit clothes on the return trip to the hotel.

The poultry and pig farms to which visits are absolutely necessary must adopt at least the procedures above, which should be augmented according to the category to be visited.

At times when technicians from other countries need to install or maintain meatpacking plant equipment, they must comply with the provisions in the items above and all equipment and machinery used by these technicians must be clean and disinfected. Special attention should be paid to uniforms and safety footwear used by these technicians.

### **B) GENERAL BIOSAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Only authorize visits according to the procedures recommended above;
2. Vehicles not belonging to the process are prohibited from entering. Vehicles that must necessarily access farms should be clean and disinfected prior to entering the establishment and after leaving it. (Vehicles transporting visitors should be disinfected inside after the visit is over).
3. Keep records on all visits made to the property, using the template in attachment, or a standard template used by the company.
4. Require all visitors entering into the premises of genetic material (pig and poultry) farms, hatcheries, piglet production units, maternity and grow warehouses (pigs), bathing and putting on clean and disinfected clothes and equipment provided by the company
5. Require that all visitors accessing areas outside of the property or accessing broiler chicken, laying hen, turkey, quail, duck and other poultry aviaries; integrated pig farms - that have the same health status - change out of their transit clothes and into new clothes and equipment supplied by the company.
6. All teams accompanying the visitor must perform the same procedure applied to visits, such as wearing transit clothes and footwear.

### Visitor control sheet

Nome / Name	Data / Date / /
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 granja, abatedouro, laboratório que trabalha com agentes infecciosos Visitado, Local e	
Quando e onde foi o último contato com aves /suínos vivos?	
Próxima granja a Ser Visitada, Local e Data	

VISITANTE APROVADO (A) / VISITANT OK? ( ) Sim/Yes ( ) Não/No		
Visitante / Visitant	Responsável pelo visitante / Responsible for the visitor	Responsável acompanhante da visita / Accompanying person responsible for the visit
Assinatura / Signature	Assinatura / Signature	Assinatura e carimbo/ Signature and stamp