

ABPA TECHNICAL NOTE: TOTAL RESTRICTION ON VISITS TO PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN BRAZIL

The Avian Influenza outbreaks are expanding vertiginously throughout the globe, and currently they are also hitting countries of South America – there are confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in birds in a few countries on the continent. Moreover, African Swine Fever has advanced in several parts of the world, deeply impacting pork production in the affected countries.

Brazil is a country free of these diseases, and in order to maintain this status ABPA is adopting complementary biosecurity measures in addition to those that have been applied in the entire sector in a constant and uninterrupted way.

Thus, ABPA, the national representative of poultry and pork sectors in Brazil, recommends the total ban of visits at any production unit by people who are not involved in the production process, independently of the country of origin, including from Brazil, even when the quarantine period recommended in our biosecurity protocol was accomplished.

When strictly necessary, visits must be limited to the administrative areas and external surroundings of the units. When checking internal areas are required, the Brazilian companies can provide photos, videos, and/or real time transmissions made by the internal team of the productive sector.

This moment requires maximum attention and extreme measures. The restriction to the accesses is an additional measure, therefore ABPA advises that all the other procedures must be followed rigorously, such as the registration of visits, changes of clothes and shoes, the use of transit clothes, bathing, restriction of vehicle traffic, even when the visits will occur only in the administrative area and surroundings of the units..