

## **The Sader encourages vacationers to protect the consumed food**

The Senasica monitors the entrance of livestock products to reduce the risk of introducing diseases like African Swine Fever (ASF).



- For vacationers to prevent last minute complications during their entrance into Mexico, it is important before packing their bags to get information in the website of the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica) about livestock products that cannot enter the country.

In order to prevent travelers from bringing animal or plant origin goods that may represent a hazard to national production of livestock food, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Sader) reinforces the inspection and surveillance actions in ports, airports, and borders of the country before the summer vacations period start.

Therefore, the Senasica encourages tourists to check at the following website the active sanitary alerts for exotic diseases in national territory <https://www.gob.mx/senasica/acciones-y-programas/alertas-sanitarias-194780>, which are updated in case of sanitary status change in the visitors' countries of origin, like African Swine Fever (ASF).

Also, the body of the Sader makes available for tourists its website, <https://www.gob.mx/senasica/acciones-y-programas/informacion-para-viajeros-193524>, and the Apps for cell phones “[Qué T Traes](#)”

<https://www.gob.mx/senasica/documentos/app-movil-que-t-traes-194179?state=published> and T”, <https://www.gob.mx/senasica/documentos/aplicacion-app-guia-t?state=published>, which are available for IOS and Android.

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At their arrival to Mexico, the Senasica Canine Units and Binomials, which are teams composed of a dog handler and a dog, will verify that the handbags and luggage of the travelers do not contain forbidden goods. In case a forbidden product is detected, it will be returned to the country of origin or destroyed.

The Senasica performs a vacationist operation at their 61 Offices of Agriculture and Livestock Health Inspection (OISA), located in ports, airports, and borders of the country.

People traveling from abroad must not bring pork meat or their byproducts in order to reduce the risk of entering into the country ASF disease, which is distinguished because it is quickly spread and for its mortality level, and which presence may severely affect national pig farming.

It is worth remembering that ASF is a disease not present in Mexico and in order to prevent its entrance, as well as the entrance of other non-existent diseases into the country, it is essential that tourists do not bring raw pork meat or any other type of raw beef, chicken, or turkey meat.

Tourists that bring pets (dogs or cats) must have an animal health certificate, which must be issued by a Veterinary Physician and not have a validity of over 15 days. This is one of the requirements that travelers can also check in the Senasica website.

In case of traveling with other companion animals like ferrets, hamsters, canaries, nymphs, or parakeets, they must meet the requirements for each species and cover the cost of the Import Zoosanitary Certificate. They may check the combinations of zoosanitary requirements for these species in the website: <https://sistemasssl.senasica.gob.mx/mcrz/moduloConsulta.jsf>.

In case any product is retained for not meeting the sanitary requirements, the owners must have an equitable, fair, and respectful treatment. They have the right to receive a document to prove the reason of the retention and that the Officials of the Senasica inform them the term to meet the requirements, in order to recover their product, whenever possible.

Vacationers can also get information about forbidden food products at the *Guía Paisano*, pages 25 to 28. [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/447402/Guia\\_paisano.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/447402/Guia_paisano.pdf)

### **Forbidden products:**

Fresh cheese, Campero chicken, live, raw, and dry crustaceans, fresh meat of any species, homemade or handcrafted products, sandwiches, snacks, hamburgers, and pizzas, etcetera, with meat and dairy without a whole package nor the seal of the competent authority.

Animals of any species regulated by the Sader. This includes fish, crustaceans, or turtles, as well as soil, plants, flowers, hay, or palm, among other products which can be checked on the Senasica official website

at: [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/298912/Permitidas\\_y\\_prohibidas.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/298912/Permitidas_y_prohibidas.pdf)