

The Senasica trains technicians who verify the health and safety of food production processes in Mexico

The agency of Sader handed over recognitions to 57 evaluators and technical experts who completed the Training Course.



With the objective of having sufficient and reliable laboratories, verification units and certification bodies that evaluate compliance with agricultural and food standards, the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica) trained 57 leading technical experts and evaluators of the Mexican Accreditation Entity (EMA).

The head of Senasica, Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, awarded those who successfully completed the Training Course.

The official of the agency of Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (Sader) said that working in Senasica “is a privilege because it provides public assets that benefit our society, which are tangible and recognized by sectors involved in vegetable and animal food origin production.”

Trujillo Arriaga highlighted the institutional collaboration with EMA, which collaborates with the agency of Sader to strengthen accreditation and approval systems of 105 Contribution Bodies that collaborate with Senasica for implementation and evaluation of Risk Reduction Systems of Contamination (SRRC) of food.

SRRCs are specific requirements and procedures that are applied in the primary production of vegetables, livestock, aquaculture and fishing activities, as well as in verification of studies of biological effectiveness of pesticides for technical report purposes, and agricultural pesticide companies.

Specialists in plant health, animal health and agriculture and food safety from Senasica and leading evaluators of EMA participated in the workshop, who

addressed the key points of the Conciliation Agreement signed by both institutions earlier this year: recommendations to harmonize procedures, experiences during evaluations and success stories.

Other topics discussed during the workshop were those related to powers, activities and responsibilities of teams that accredit technicians and laboratories for verification, certification, biological effectiveness, ascertainment and diagnosis.

Contribution Bodies are comprised by specialists in various subjects recognized by the Senasica to verify that Production Units comply with the sanitary and safety requirements and specifications, established in Mexican regulations, in order to guarantee safer animal and fishery food origin foods.

The Senasica authorizes, approves and trains specialists who work in 32 verification units in plant and animal health, and inspection; 19 certification bodies in plant and animal health, safety and organics; 15 in biological effectiveness laboratories and 39 in certification and diagnostic in plant, animal, aquaculture and fishery health; effort in which EMA takes part.

It should be noted that having support agencies such as laboratories for product diagnosis, process verification and establishment certification, allows Senasica to have greater outreach in Mexico to ensure the production of healthy and safe food.

This Mexican Accreditation Entity is an agency that, in collaboration with the Senasica, accredits Compliance Assessment Bodies such as laboratories, verification units and certification bodies.