

Port Inspections

Special care is taken in the surveillance of vessels coming from abroad because the sanitary risk is high; the food transported by passengers or by the crew originates from countries that pose the risk of phytozoosanitary or quarantine risk

In the Agriculture and Livestock Health Inspection Departments (OISA) located in seaports, the surveillance service is maintained 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Among the activities that the Phytozoosanitary Security Officers carry out in seaports are:

Issuance of the Certificate for Phytosanitary and Zoosanitary imports: Verification at international entry points, the compliance with phytozoosanitary regulations established for the import of vegetables, animals, their products and by-products, of chemical, pharmaceutical, biological, and food products for agriculture and livestock use. This is accomplished through the documentary and physical inspection of the goods that are intended to be imported, as well as the application of prophylactic measures to avoid and reduce the risk of entry of pests and diseases of quarantine importance to the country.

Inspection of boats and yachts (free talk): Prevention of the entry of products of plant and/or animal origin that are part of the supplies of the crews of vessels coming from abroad – that

do not comply with the phytozoosanitary regulations established for imports into our country. This is accomplished through the review of documents and the physical inspection of cold chambers, kitchens and warehouses for supplies in order to reduce the risk of entry of pests and diseases of quarantine importance.

Unloading of organic waste: Authorization for unloading of organic waste generated by the vessels and supervision of their destruction, through a risk analysis depending on their origin (type of product and country) and the physical verification of their destruction, to reduce the risk of introduction of pests and diseases of quarantine importance into the national territory.

Unloading of inorganic wastes: It may be carried out after the application of a disinfection treatment, which will be supervised by OISA personnel. The destination of these wastes may be incineration, the municipal dump or destruction by landfill.