

# **Mexico-United States Commission for Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and other Animal Exotic Diseases (CPA)**

Its main mission is the protection of land and water animal species from exotic, emergent or reemergent animal diseases that affect livestock assets and public health.

The official personnel address reports of suspected exotic diseases filed by the citizenship or personnel on site, to provide a timely diagnosis through the preparation and updating of emergency plans.

Afterwards, if an exotic disease is detected, emergency operations are carried out through the National Animal Health Emergency Device (DINESA).

For that purpose, the CPA manages the Level 3 Biosafety Laboratory, 7 regional laboratories and 13 molecular biology laboratories strategically located nationwide, which act quickly on the diagnosis needs of the livestock and aquaculture assets.

Likewise, to streamline management, hasten processes and modernize the technology of surveillance activities, the National Information System for Exotic and Emergent

Diseases (SINEXE) was developed during 2008-2009 to provide an information technology platform for the notification and epidemiological surveillance of exotic, emergent or reemergent diseases, and to record and analyze all the information associated with the follow-up of any field research.

Manuals for taking and sending samples