

Auxiliary Plant Health Organizations

Structure and qualified staff to implement phytosanitary projects

The OASVs are organizations formed by farm growers that participate as auxiliaries in the prevention and control of those pests that attack their crops, by taking part in phytosanitary programs, development strategies, acquisition and use of monetary resources, interventions that support growers that require loans and credits to protect their crops, and to promote the available programs.

They stay in touch with the corresponding departments to obtain pesticides, the necessary equipment to apply them or any other type of supplies and materials required to implement the phytosanitary programs that benefit all growers. Complying with the applicable laws and regulations, the OASVs are required to have a valid registration certificate issued by the Secretariat, after fulfilling with the following requirements:

- CESV or JLSV articles of incorporation or restructure.
- CESV or JLSV annual work program.

Every State has a State Plant Health Committee and 201 Local Plant Health Boards distributed throughout the country.

The legal basis for the OASVs can be found in article 14 of the Federal Plant Health Act, which states that the Secretariat will

organize and coordinate in the geographical scope it deems necessary, the establishment, operation, supervision, and evaluation of State Plant Health Committees (CESV) and Local Plant Health Boards (JLSV) that will implement all phytosanitary and contamination risk-reduction measures and programs related to the primary production of vegetables; it also includes articles 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the bylaws for the Federal Plant Health Act.

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