

Chiapas brokers join the strategy to import livestock to Mexico

Importers commit to join the scheme of legal introduction of livestock from Central America; this activity is one of the top income sources for the people in four municipalities.



The National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica) invited importers of livestock from Guatemala to join the strategy that guarantees the introduction to Mexico of animals that meet the necessary sanitary requirements to protect public health and national stockbreeding. This agreement was signed in November by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Agriculture, Stockbreeding and Food of Guatemala (MAGA).

During a meeting with representatives from Guatemalan livestock importers, The Senasica acknowledged the vested rights of cattle brokers in the Mexico-Guatemala border, an activity that creates jobs that benefit over 40,000 families of the Benemérito de las Américas, Ocosingo, Palenque and Marqués de Comillas Chiapas municipalities.

Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, General Director of the agency from the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, pointed out that this activity has been passed from fathers to sons since approximately four decades, and is the main source of income of the region's inhabitants.

The brokers, who are also cattle ranchers, committed to work jointly with the Senasica and the Mexican Tax Administration Service (*Servicio de Administración Tributaria* - SAT) to preserve their productive activity and comply with the procedures established by the Mexican government.

The Senasica informed them that many government agencies are working to regulate livestock imports through Mexico's southern border, and guarantee the supply of cattle required by the Mexican meat industry.

The brokers, on the other hand, stated their interest in collaborating with the preparation of the new scheme, to consolidate the legal imports of livestock free of tuberculosis, brucellosis and ticks.