

## **The Secretariat of Agriculture and Jalisco are Working Together to Prevent the Entry of Pests and Diseases**

An inspection workday was held at the dock and airport of Puerto Vallarta.



The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development offered technicians from the Jalisco Agency for Agro-alimentary Health, Safety and Quality (ASICA) a demonstration of the plant and animal health inspection work carried out with canine teams at ports and airports to reduce the risk of entry of pests that could compromise the country's agricultural and food production, due to the large flow of transportation by air and sea.

For the purpose of reinforcing the knowledge of ASICA Jalisco personnel in sanitary inspection with the help of canine units, the staff of the Puerto Vallarta Agricultural Health Inspection Office (OISA) of the National Service for Agro-alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica) carried out a day of coordinated work at the Cruise Dock and at the Gustavo Díaz Ordaz International Airport in Puerto Vallarta.

During the workday, the head of ASICA, Edgar Pulido Chavez, highlighted the importance of these inspections activities, since despite the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still an influx of travelers and it is necessary to prevent restricted products from entering the country, which can pose a threat to national food production.

This training emphasized threats such as the recent detection of African swine fever, present in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

The activities consisted of an inspection of the passengers that disembarked from the Carnival Panorama cruise ship, coming from Long Beach, California, United States. A free discussion was held between Mexican authorities and representatives of the ship, to review the protocols for the arrival of the cruise ship, where Senasica personnel prepared an inspection report after verifying the absence of restricted products; the disinfection of inorganic garbage was also carried out and the descent of previously incinerated organic garbage was supervised.

Likewise, at the Licenciado Gustavo Díaz Ordaz International Airport, inspection of the incineration process of retained products was reviewed; passenger and baggage inspection in the international arrival's hall was conducted with the support canine units; a private flight inspection process was carried out; the

collection of catering from commercial flights was followed; and finally, retained products were checked to confirm or rule out any pests.

We work hand-in-hand every day to reduce the risks inherent in agriculture, livestock, aquaculture, and fishing, for the benefit of the industry, producers, and consumers throughout the country and the State of Jalisco.