

# Legal Basis

## National Reference Center for Biological Control

Pursuant to the Federal Plant Health Law, the phytosanitary measures established by the Secretariat seek to protect and conserve the native beneficial fauna and natural balance.

Likewise, the powers of Secretariat are as follows:

- To promote and guide research on plant health and multiplication, and conservation of biological control agents or alternative methods for pest control;
- To execute and promote executing agreements and conventions with academic and scientific institutions, both national or foreign, in order to develop joint projects of scientific research, training and technology exchange in the field of plant health;
- To validate, generate and release phytosanitary technology in the field of plant health and train official and private personnel; and,
- To authorize and regulate any use, movement, import and reproduction of live biological control agents that are used for controlling pests that affect plants, their products, or by-products.

The foregoing is pursuant to articles 3, 7, sections II, VII, XXXIV and XL of the Law; Article 15, Section XII and XX of the Internal Regulations of the National Service for Agro-alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality; and Sixth Title, Chapter II, Chapter II, Articles 127, 128, 129 and 130 of Federal Plant Health Law Regulations.