

**OPERATING BYLAWS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

WHEREAS: Through Decree 515-05, dated the September 20, 2005, the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (CNMSF-DR) was created.

WHEREAS: Article 3 of the aforementioned Decree 515-05 confers upon the Committee the authority to draft Operating Bylaws for its operations.

CONSIDERING: The various provisions and powers of the Committee contained in that Decree, aimed at facilitating the implementation of SPS measures by the country.

In exercising the powers conferred on us by the aforesaid Article 3 of Decree 515-05, we do pronounce the following Operating Bylaws, to be used as a the basis for the Committee's operations:

CHAPTER I

NAME, PLACE OF BUSINESS, PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 1. The purpose of the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (CNMSF), hereinafter the Committee, is to coordinate the implementation of agreements and represent the country within the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO), before other international organizations and in existing or future bilateral and multilateral agreements, to which the Dominican Republic is a party or is in the process of negotiating within the international community.

Article 2. - The Committee's functions are defined in Article 2 of Decree 515-05, whose general purpose is to facilitate the domestic and international trade of animals, plants, agricultural products and byproducts regarding agricultural and livestock health and to promote the production and consumption of safe foods.

Article 3. - The Committee is based in the Executive Secretariat of the National Council of Agriculture/Agricultural Trade Agreements Office (ACTO), an organization that serves as Secretariat of the Committee, as stated in the second paragraph of Article 1 of Decree 515 - 05.

Article 4. - The purpose of the Committee is to define, reach consensus, update, make transparent, recommend measures and disseminate laws and policies of the Dominican State regarding SPS, and recommend positions of the Dominican Republic on the subject of international trade negotiations. The Committee will promote and coordinate actions and contracts which concern the purpose and performance of its functions.

Article 5. - The Committee will establish the periods by which the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures will take effect in the Dominican Republic, formulated or adopted after publication, except under emergency circumstances. The time frames must be consistent with those recommended by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Article 6. - The Committee shall coordinate its work with national institutions, official and private, related to and/or interested in SPS matters, as established in Article 1 of Decree 515-05, which deals with the institutions which comprise the Committee.

CHAPTER II ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Article 7. - The Committee is comprised of, directed and managed by the following bodies:

1. The full Committee, comprised of a Chairman, the Secretary of the Committee and its Members.
2. The Chairmanship of the Committee.
3. The Secretary of the Committee
4. The Scientific Technical Subcommittees.
5. The Working Groups.

Article 8. - Public institutions, with their agencies, and private organizations listed in Article 1 of Decree 515-05 are members of the Committee: The Offices of Plant and Animal Health of the Ministry of Agriculture (SEA); the Food and Beverages Risk Control Department and the Contact Point of the Codex Alimentarius in the country of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance (SESPAS); the Department of Foreign Trade and Trade Agreements Administration (DICOEX), the General Bureau of Standards and Quality Systems (DIGENOR) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade; the Department of Environmental Standards of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources; the Manager of Scientific and Technological Affairs; the Head of Trade Negotiations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SEREX); and the Dominican Agribusiness Board (JAD).

Article 9. - As stated in Decree 515-05, the international technical cooperation bodies are the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Regional Organization for Animal Health (OIRSA), among others invited by the Committee.

SECTION I CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 10. - As provided in Paragraph II of Article 1 and Article 4 of Decree 515-05, the Chairmanship of the Committee will rotate every two years between the Designated National Authorities who are Members of the Committee, the first Chairmanship being conferred upon the Director of Plant Health, then passed to the Director of Animal Health, and finally to the Director of the Food and Beverage Risk Control Department and/or the President (Contact Point) of the CODEX Alimentarius of the Dominican Republic.

PARAGRAPH I. - In the event that the Chairmanship of the National Committee of the Codex Alimentarius (CONCA) falls upon the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance (SESPAS), the Secretary will send an official communication to the Committee, communicating its decision to appoint the Director of Food and Beverage Risk Management or the Contact Point of the Codex Alimentarius, to act as Chairman of the Committee during the applicable term of office.

PARAGRAPH II. - The Chairman of the Committee will serve for a period of two years and will remain there until the first meeting of the year at the end of his term, concluding with the submission of the report on his management.

Article 11. - In the event that the acting Chairman, due to reasons of force majeure (illness or other reasons) can no longer perform his duties, the institution concerned will submit his replacement and the Committee will meet the proposed nominee in a special session. This decision must be approved at a meeting of the Committee (regular or special) where a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Committee are present.

Article 12. - The Chairman of the Committee has the following functions, which are listed for purposes of illustration but are not limited thereto:

1. To manage the work of the Committee.
2. To comply with and enforce these Bylaws.
3. To represent the Committee.
4. To promote the pursuit of activities that fall under the sphere of competence of the Committee and to manage the resources that are essential for their implementation and follow-up.
5. To convene regular and special meetings, in coordination with the Secretary of the Committee.
6. To submit reports about his duties to the Committee when his term of office ends.

SECTION II SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE.

Article 13. - The Secretary of the Committee is in charge of the Executive Secretary of the National Council of Agriculture/Agricultural Trade Agreements Office (ACTO), as provided in Article 1 of Decree 515-05, and is permanent in nature.

Article 14. - The Secretary of the Committee manages and implements the decisions taken by the Committee, coordinating all actions needed to implement decisions made at its meetings.

Article 15. - The Secretary of the Committee is the body responsible for reporting on SPS matters, according to the decisions of the Committee, both nationally and internationally, using appropriate institutional channels.

Article 16. - The functions of the Secretary of the Committee are:

1. To organize and coordinate all actions needed to hold meetings, activities and events related to the powers of the Committee.
2. To prepare, together with the Chairman of the Committee, the Annual Activities Plan and the Annual Budget of the Committee.
3. To prepare the agenda for each working meeting of the Committee, in coordination with the Chairman.
4. To follow up the decisions, conclusions and recommendations adopted at each of the meetings of the Committee.
5. To prepare and distribute the documentation which may be needed to hold regular and special meetings of the Committee, as well as documentation directed at public and private institutions in relation to issues that are the subject of the Committee's duties.
6. To convene regular and special meetings upon approval of the Chairman.
7. To receive requests to discuss subjects by the Members of the Committee and to coordinate their placement on the agenda of meetings, in coordination with the Chairman.
8. To write, record and keep the minutes of the Committee's meetings.
9. To issue a summary of the minutes to the Members of the Committee.
10. To manage the information service of the Committee.
11. To take steps or actions as required, upon prior approval of the Chairman, for the publication and dissemination of matters related to the implementation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary and Food Safety Measures, so that consumers, producers, importers and traders may become acquainted with them, both at home and abroad.
12. To take steps or actions as required, upon prior approval of the Chairman of the Committee, so that it can respond to requests for information made by Dominican citizens and WTO member countries concerned, and provide documents related to:
 - a) Sanitary and Phytosanitary regulations that have been adopted or whose adoption is anticipated within the national territory.

- b) Control and inspection procedures, production and quarantine programs, and procedures related to pesticide tolerance and food additive approval procedures, as applied in the country.
 - c) Risk assessment procedures, factors taken into consideration, and determination of the appropriate level of sanitary and phytosanitary protection adopted by the country.
 - d) Information about the member or participant status of the Dominican Republic and the institutions in the country which have jurisdiction over this area, in organizations and international and regional sanitary and phytosanitary systems, as well as in bilateral and multilateral agreements within the scope of the SPS Agreement, together with the texts of those agreements.
13. Where the Committee designates so, to attend meetings of the SPS Committee of the WTO and other organizations and events regarding plant and animal health and food safety to which the country is a party, observer or guest.
 14. To prepare and submit to the relevant authorities and entities, upon approval of the Chairman, annual reports and technical reports prepared by the Committee.
 15. To draft, subject to approval by the Committee, and to set the operation of procedural manuals for the powers of the Committee, the Secretary and the Subcommittees.
 16. To coordinate activities between the various Technical Scientific Subcommittees.
 17. To represent the Chairman of the Committee, when deemed necessary.
 18. To act as a Contact Point and National Information System before the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the WTO.

SECTION III
REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Article 17. - Each member institution or member of the Committee will be represented by a duly appointed delegate before the Committee.

PARAGRAPH I. - The member institution or Committee Member will formally record, in the same official communication designating its representative, the name and title of an alternate official, in the event that, due to force majeure, the appointed official cannot be appear before the Committee, in which case the alternate member will have speaking and voting rights.

PARAGRAPH II. - In the event that the member of the Committee is represented before the Committee by an official who has not been duly appointed, such official will have having speaking rights, but no voting, rights.

Article 18. - Each member of the Committee may attend meetings accompanied by his alternate member and the advisers, as deemed necessary, in which case such alternate member and advisers will have speaking rights, but no voting rights.

CHAPTER II
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SECTION I
TYPE, FREQUENCY AND METHOD OF CONVENING MEETINGS

Article 19. - The Committee shall meet in regular session four times a year during the second week of January, April, July and October.

PARAGRAPH. - Regular meetings may be scheduled at other times, according to the needs of the Committee, provided the Secretary of the Committee makes the appropriate arranges as to the place, so that, with the approval of the Chairman, he can duly convene the Members sufficiently in advance, in accordance with the bylaws and approved times for such meeting notices.

Article 20. - The Committee shall meet in special session as often as needed to carry out the performance of its functions.

Article 21. - The Committee's meetings will be held at its headquarters, unless another place is indicated in the meeting notice for special reasons.

Article 22. - The Committee's meeting shall be convened by the Chairman, or his representative, and notification given in writing, by telephone or email, and confirmed by any of the means available, by the Secretary of the Committee, not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date set for the meeting. When the tenth day appointed for a

meeting falls on a weekend or holiday, the meeting notice will be sent not later than the previous business day corresponding to the required 10-day period.

PARAGRAPH. - The documentation to be considered at the meeting will be distributed not later than the day on which the meeting notification is sent.

SECTION II QUORUM AND DECISIONS AND AGREEMENTS MADE AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS

Article 23. - The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be established at the beginning of the meeting with the attendance of half plus one of its official members.

Article 24. - If the minimum quorum stated in the preceding article is not present the first time the meeting is convened, the Committee will be convened on the next business day, as agreed upon, and the quorum will be reduced to the number of representatives who attended the prior meeting which was convened.

PARAGRAPH. - The second time a meeting is convened, the Committee may not hold a session with less than five (5) of its members present.

Article 25. - The Committee shall only make decisions and agreements when the required quorum is present.

Article 26. - The Committee will adopt decisions and resolutions by consensus of the members present at the meetings, avoiding voting whenever possible. If, despite all efforts, no consensus can be reached, the matter will be put to a vote, and the decision adopted with the majority of two-thirds of the Members present. Any disagreement about the adopted decision will be recorded on the minutes, when so requested.

Article 27. - Each sector or area represented will have only one vote belonging to the Member or Representative of the institution of the Committee, regardless of the number of persons belonging to such sector or area who are present at the meeting.

Article 28. - The absence of Members at meetings of the Committee will be recorded on the minutes of the meeting, and in case of unjustified absence, this will be reported by an official letter of Secretary to the institution designating the former.

Article 29. - Once the required quorum is declared to be present at a meeting, only decisions and agreements on issues appearing on the meeting agenda of the Committee will be adopted.

Article 30. - The minutes of the meeting prepared by the Secretary of the Committee will be approved at the next meeting of the Committee and will clearly include: date of the meeting; name, institution and title of the attendees; decisions and agreements reached, and other

information of interest. In this regard, the Secretary will, within ten (10) days following the meeting, send a copy in writing or through electronic means to the Members of the Committee, so that they can verify the contents of their statements and the various decisions and resolutions adopted therein.

SECTION III THE AGENDA

Article 31. - A list of the items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the meeting will be sent, together with the meeting notice. Any Member may propose items for inclusion in the draft agenda until the day on which the notification of the meeting to be convened must be published, but not including that day.

Article 32. - Requests for inclusion of items in the agenda of the next meeting will be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee by written or electronic means of communication, together with supporting documentation which must be distributed in connection with such item.

Article 33. - The first item or point on the agenda for each meeting will be the consideration and adoption of the agenda. Members or their Representatives or the Chairman may propose amendments or additions to the draft agenda within the "Open Topic." Whenever possible, Members or their Representatives will inform in advance the Chairman or the Secretary of the Committee and other members who are directly concerned about the issues that they intend to raise in the "Open Topic."

Article 34. - In the course of the meeting, the Committee may amend the agenda or give priority to certain items thereon

SECTION IV LEADING DISCUSSIONS AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS

Article 35. - The Chairman of the Committee, or his representative, will call to order and adjourn meetings, direct discussion, recognize members who wish to speak, submit issues for resolution, announce decisions, rule on matters of order and, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, fully lead discussions. A speaker can also be called to order if his statements deviate from the item under discussion.

Article 36. - The Chairman will not normally participate in discussions; however, he may, at any time, request permission from the full Committee to do so as a Member of the institution he represents.

Article 37. - Any member or representative may raise a matter of order in the course of a discussion. In that case, the Chairman may grant such request immediately. If his decision causes any objection, he will subject the matter to the Committee's decision.

Article 38. - A Member or Representative may request, when any matter or issue is under discussion, to postpone such discussion, a motion of this kind taking priority. In addition to the proposer of the motion, three speakers may speak, one in favor and two against, and after that, such motion will be immediately submitted for a decision.

Article 39. - A Member or Representative may request, at any time, that the discussion be ended upon intervention by the proposer of the motion. The right to speak will be only granted to other Member or Representative to defend such motion and, at least, to other two members to express their objections thereto. After that, the motion will put to a decision.

Article 40. - In the course of a discussion, the Chairman may announce the list of speakers recorded and, with the consent of those members present, declare the list closed. However, it may grant the right of reply to any Member or Representative if a speech made after the list of speakers is closed makes this advisable.

Article 41. - The Chairman may, with the consent of those members present, limit the right to speak of each speaker.

Article 42. - Members or Representatives must ensure that the oral statements will be brief. In the event that a Member wishes to expound upon a particular topic in greater detail, he may submit a written statement in this regard, in order for the Secretary to distribute it among the Members and, at the request of a Member or Representative, a summary thereof may be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Article 43. - In order to facilitate ongoing discussion, the Chairman may invite Members or Representatives who wish to express their support of a particular proposal to do so by a show of hands. Consequently, only Members or Representatives who disagree or who wish to make remarks or concrete proposals will be invited to make a statement. This procedure will be only applied to avoid undue repetition of remarks already made and will not prevent the participation by any Member or Representative wishing to do so.

Article 44. - Members or Representatives must avoid that unduly lengthy discussions arise under the "Open Topic". Discussions on substantive matters under the "Open Topic" item will be avoided and the Secretary of the Committee must be limited to taking notes of the speech of a Member or Representative raising the issue, as well as the reactions to the speech of the Members or Representatives directly concerned.

Article 45. - Although the Committee is not expected to make decisions regarding a matter under discussion for "Free Topic" items, it may decide whether it will make a decision on a particular issue or with respect to any subject or matter that has not been distributed in the documentation, together with the meeting notice, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Article 46. - Members or Representatives must avoid repeating at each meeting a detailed discussion of the issues that were previously widely discussed at meetings.

Article 47. - The proposals on issues and their amendments will normally be submitted in writing or through electronic means and distributed to all Members or Representatives not later than 12 hours prior to the start of the meeting, during which they will be reviewed.

Article 48. - If there are two or more proposals related to the same subject or theme, they will be submitted to the full Committee for purposes of review and decision.

Article 49. - When an amendment to a proposal is submitted, such amendment will be submitted first for a decision by the Committee and then, if adopted, the amended proposal will be submitted for decision.

Article 50. - A proposal may be submitted for a decision in divided into parts when a Member or Representative requests such a division.

CHAPTER III BUDGET OF THE COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

Article 51. - The Secretary of the Committee will be responsible for preparing the Annual Operating Work Plan and its Budget and, with the consent of the Chairman, will include it as an item on the agenda at one of its regular meetings or, if necessary, at a special meeting to be convened for its approval.

Article 52. - Once the Annual Operating Work Plan and its Budget are approved by the Committee, they will be sent to the relevant institutions so that they may allocate the resources required to carry out the Committee's activities in their respective annual work plans.

Article 53. - The Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee will be responsible for managing and administrating the resources of the Committee, which may take two forms: a) direct request of assets and resources budgeted to Members of the Committee, prior to undertaking the scheduled activities; b) the application of economic resources for direct administration by the Secretary of the Committee, for which a dedicated account must be opened at the Reserve Bank of the Dominican Republic, under the joint signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee.

Article 54. - Management of financial resources received by the Committee will be based on the bylaws established for administrative expenses of financial resources from the State institutions. The Secretary of the Committee must submit reports and expenditure justifications to the Member institutions which contributed their resources.

Article 55. - The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee will submit an annual report in writing on expenditures before the full Committee at the first regular meeting to be convened for the month of January of each year, after which, once the report has been

approved, the Committee will send it to member institutions of the Committee, upon signature of the Chairman and the Secretary.

CHAPTER IV
SECTION I
COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL
SCIENTIFIC SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 56. - According to the provisions of Article 3 of Decree 515-05 creating the Committee, the Committee will consist of three Technical Scientific Subcommittees: a) the Technical Scientific Subcommittee on Plant Health, b) the Technical Scientific Subcommittee on Animal Health, and c) the Technical Scientific Subcommittee on Food Safety.

Article 57. - The Secretary of the Committee will serve as a General Coordinator of the Technical Scientific Subcommittees.

Article 58. - The Technical Scientific Subcommittee on Plant Health will consist of:

1. The Plant Health Manager of the Ministry of Agriculture (SEA), who will be its coordinator.
2. The Plant Quarantine Manager, Member.
3. The Pesticide Registration Manager, Member.
4. The Integrated Pest Management Officer, Member.
5. The Plant Health Risk Analysis Manager of the Ministry of Agriculture (SEA), Member.
6. The Manager of the Phytosanitary Diagnostic Laboratory, Member.

Article 59. - The Technical Scientific Subcommittee on Animal Health will consist of:

1. The Animal Health Manager of the General Bureau for Livestock (DIGEGA) of the Ministry of Agriculture (SEA), who will be its coordinator.
2. The Animal Quarantine Manager, Member.
3. The Manager of Product Registration and Veterinary Establishments, Member.
4. The Manager of Epidemiology of the General Bureau of Livestock, Member.
5. The Technical Management of the Central Veterinary Laboratory (LAVECEN), Member.
6. The Manager of Risk Analysis of Animal Health of SEA, Member.

Article 60. - The Technical Scientific Subcommittee of Food Safety will consist of:

1. The Manager of Food and Beverages Risk Management, Member.
2. A representative of the National Committee of the Codex Alimentarius (Codex Alimentarius Contact Point in the country), Member.

3. The Manager of Agrifood Safety of SEA, Member.
4. The Manager of Organic Agriculture of SEA, Member.
5. The Manager of the Food Science Laboratory of LAVECEN, Member.
6. The Director of Pesticide Registration of the Bureau of Plant Health of SEA, Member.
7. The Manager of Pesticide Residues of Plant Health of SEA, Member.
8. The Manager of Product Registration and Veterinary Establishments of the General Bureau of Livestock (DIGEGA) of SEA, Member.
9. The Plant Health Risk Analysis Manager of SEA, Member.
10. The Animal Health Risk Analysis Manager of General Bureau of Livestock of SEA, Member
11. The Representative of the General Bureau of Standards and Quality Systems (DIGENOR), Member.
12. The Coordinator of the National Network of Food Laboratories, Member.
13. The Representative of the General Bureau of Epidemiology of SESPAS, Member.

PARAGRAPH: The Coordination of the Technical Scientific Subcommittee of Food Safety will alternate between the Director of Food and Beverage Risk Management of SESPAS, the Representative of the National Committee of the Codex Alimentarius (CONCA), and the Director of the Department of Agrifood Safety (DIA) of the Ministry of Agriculture, which will alternate in the same order as coordinators of the Subcommittee for a term of two years, to coincide with the term of the Chairmanship of the Committee.

Article 61. - Recognized professionals and technical specialists in the area of Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Health and Safety from universities, public and private institutions, or independent professionals may be included as members of the Technical Scientific Subcommittees, by decision of the Technical Scientific Subcommittees, and the Coordinator must inform the Committee, through the General Coordinator of the Subcommittees (the Secretary of the Committee), about the addition of such members and the justification therefor, and on the overall composition of the Subcommittee at the time of such additions.

Article 62. - The Subcommittees will define and establish the Technical Working Groups and may invite to its meetings professionals and technical experts deemed necessary to facilitate the performance of their functions.

Article 63. - The Technical Scientific Subcommittees will be governed by the rules and regulations adopted in these Bylaws; however, they may develop and establish their Internal Working Regulations if deemed necessary, provided that the provisions of their Internal Regulations Rules of Procedure are not contrary to the provisions of these Bylaws. The Subcommittee, through its Coordinator, must inform the Committee of such Internal regulations.

Article 64. - The regular meetings of the subcommittees will not occur less than four times during the year and will be held at least two weeks before the dates set for the regular meetings of the Committee.

PARAGRAPH. - The subcommittees will conduct as many special meetings as deemed necessary.

Article 65. - The subcommittees and working groups during the course of their meetings will make their decisions according to the regulations contained in Chapter III, Section II of these Bylaws.

PARAGRAPH. - If, for any reason, the Subcommittee is unable to reach a decision or outcome after discussion and analysis of a topic or issue, the different positions will be sent to the full Committee for its final decision.

Article 66. - The subcommittees have the authority to formulate make recommendation to the Committee about matters relating to their functions.

SECTION II DUTIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES

Article 67. - The powers of the subcommittees will be those which correspond to those of the Committee in general terms regarding its specialized mission and functions, and it will be direct responsibility of its Coordinator, as well as the full Subcommittee.

Article 68. - The functions of the Technical Scientific Subcommittee are:

1. To convene the Members of the Subcommittee to their regular and special meetings, and coordinate and direct issues related to running these meetings and pursuing the activities assigned to the Working Groups formed.
2. To submit issues on the agenda and other issues that may arise for consideration by the members of the Subcommittee.
3. To represent the Subcommittee to the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and to submit reports and annual reports to said Subcommittee.
4. To manage and promote the participation of specialized scientific technical authorities in the Subcommittee.
5. To set the agenda and work plan of the Subcommittee and to submit them to the Committee through the General Coordinator.
6. To study and recommend to the Secretary of the Committee the proposed notifications in the applicable technical area, making arrangements to give the necessary responses to those notifications from countries with which the Dominican Republic has commercial exchanges of plants, animals, and products and agricultural by-products.
7. To develop proposals to implement national actions that may be needed and to direct, through the Secretary of the Committee, draft proposals to the relevant national bodies for the promulgation of laws, regulations and national standards in the area under their responsibility.
8. to collaborate in the creation of a database and the applicable communication

system, in order to encourage the dissemination and notification of issues, decisions and resolutions adopted by the Subcommittee in its area of competence.

9. Other duties and functions related to the area of interest and area of expertise of the Subcommittee, as assigned by the Committee.

CHAPTER V FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 69. - The amendment, addition or deletion of Chapters, Sections and Articles in these Bylaws will be only made by majority vote consisting of two-thirds (2/3) of its members, with the exception of those articles requiring prior approval by the Designated National Authorities, as contained in Article 4 of Decree 515-05 and dated September 20, 2005, through which the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures is created.

Article 70. - This Regulation shall be subject to an initial review within a period of two (2) years following its approval and publication.

ISSUED at the Offices of the National Committee for the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, located at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the National Council of Agriculture (CNA), in Santo Domingo de Guzmán, National District, Capital of the Dominican Republic, on the twenty-ninth (29) day of May, in the year two thousand and seven (2007).