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Report Highlights:

The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) published Ordinance 558, which establishes procedures for accreditation, modification, audit, and cancellation of edible animal-origin products registration in Brazil. This Ordinance applies both to local companies and foreign companies accredited for exports to Brazil, and entered into effect May 2nd, 2022. Companies have two years to move records from paper-based system to electronic system. For registrations already done in the electronic system, established in 2017, companies have one year to check if their registrations are up-to-date to current legislation.

On March 30, 2022, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) published Ordinance 558, which outlines modifications to the procedures for accreditation, modification, audit, and cancellation of edible animal-origin products registration in Brazil. This Ordinance applies both to local companies and foreign companies accredited for exports to Brazil. The Ordinance entered into effect on May 2, 2022. The Ordinance is available, in Portuguese, at the following link:

<https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/portaria-sda-n-558-de-30-de-marco-de-2022-390715039>

Ordinance 558 revokes Agricultural Defense Secretariat (SDA) Normative Instruction number 1, from January 11, 2017, which previously established the aforementioned procedures. The new Ordinance intends to simplify the existing registration procedures for animal-origin products by creating a more efficient inspection system and decreasing analysis time in the system. Per Post conversation with MAPA, the Ministry does not foresee this new Ordinance to have a big impact on companies.

The main points outlined in Ordinance 558 are:

- expiration of the SIGSIF system,
- migration of products registered under the SIGSIF system to the PGA-SIGSIF platform,
- expiration for product and label registration,
- exemption from registration for certain products,
- single label and product registration.

Expiration of SIGSIF and Migration to PGA-SIGSIF

Prior to 2017, all product registration was done in a paper format under a system known as the SIGSIF. SIGSIF product registrations were valid for 10 years. In 2017, the Agricultural Management Platform of the Federal Inspection Service Information Management System (PGA-SIGSIF) was implemented with electronic registration from that point forward. However, some registrations that were done in paper format remained valid, as they had not expired yet. With the current Ordinance 558, product registrations will no longer have an expiration date, and all registrations will be done electronically in the PGA-SIGSIF system.

Product and Label Expiration

Ordinance 558 establishes that any product registration that is still valid today in the old paper system (SIGSIF) needs to be re-registered in the electronic system (PGA-SIGSIF). Labels previously done in paper format will also need to be re-registered. **The deadline for this registration change is two years – until May 2, 2024.** The old SIGSIF paper system is now terminated.

Notably, the Ordinance also tasks the companies with products currently registered in PGA-SIGSIF to verify if their registrations are up-to-date to current Brazilian legislation for the specific commodities/products. **The deadline for this verification is one year – until May 2, 2023.** Any product that was electronically registered after the creation of PGA-SIGSIF in 2017 does not need to be re-registered.

Registration Exemptions

Ordinance 558 also outlines a list of products that are exempt from registration. The list is published at the following link: <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/assuntos/inspecao/produtos-animal/empresario/ANEXO.pdf>

As of the publication of the list, the products exempt from registration for foreign companies are apitoxin; beeswax; *farinha láctea* (similar to dairy flour); gelatin and collagen products not intended for human consumption; bee pollen; propolis; cracklings (with or without meat connected to the pork skin – in Portuguese: *torresmo* and *pururuca*), and inedible animal products, including industrial residues from edible products production, and other products not fit for human consumption, including those obtained from animal-origin products condemnation and products not fit for consumption obtained inseparably from the slaughter process.

Single Product and Label Registration

Other important changes outlined by Ordinance 558 are the possibilities of doing single registrations and single labels. Single registrations will be authorized for:

1. meat cuts from animals subject to the same manufacturing procedures;
2. fish or shrimp, of different species or preparations, when they have the same compositions and are subject to the same manufacturing processes; and,
3. eggs of the same weight classification, as long as described and presented in different packaging types, quantities, and colors.

Single labels are also authorized by the Ordinance for different meat cuts, and their respective preparation forms, as long as there is an indication of these variations in the label sketch submitted in the PGA SIGSIF system. For fish registration, one single label can be presented, as long as all sale denominations, for each species, are listed in the sketch in the PGA SIGSIF system.

The intent of the single product and label registration is to expedite analysis by MAPA when the manufacturing process of the different cuts and/or presentations is the same. One single registration number will be valid for one group of cuts, such as boneless cuts, bone-in cuts, and offals, for instance. The company would do one registration, for example, for “boneless chilled beef”, then under that one registration, the company would list all the cuts that fit under the broader spectrum of “boneless chilled beef”, meaning only the product denomination would be different. So, meat products that have the same production process would be bundled into this one registration. Companies do not need to attach labels for each cut anymore. The labels would be “generic”, and in the place in the system that product denomination is listed, then this is where the company would specifically note if the cut is rib-eye or sirloin, for instance. However, please note that if the company has two or more layouts of labels, then the different layouts need to be uploaded to the system. As is the case with the single label, in the event that the company has multiple labels, they do not need to be specific to the actual cut.

Prior to shipping goods to Brazil, companies are responsible for verifying if there is a bilateral agreement between U.S. authorities and the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply for the export to Brazil of the intended product. Please also note that to export to Brazil, the U.S. export of animal-origin products must obtain prior authorization from U.S. and Brazilian authorities. Companies that need access to the PGA-SIGSIF system or want to register/update plants for exports to Brazil should follow the guidance presented in the following reports, linked below.

Plant Registration and Updated Procedures for Dairy, Meat, and Fishery Products in Brazil

Dairy –

https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Plant%20Registration%20and%20Updated%20Procedures%20for%20Dairy%20Products%20in%20Brazil_Brasilia_Brazil_BR2022-0023

Meat –

https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Plant%20Registration%20and%20Updated%20Procedures%20for%20Meat%20and%20Meat%20Products%20in%20Brazil%20_Brasilia_Brazil_BR2022-0024

Fishery –

https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Plant%20Registration%20and%20Updated%20Procedures%20for%20Fishery%20Products%20in%20Brazil_Brasilia_Brazil_BR2022-0025

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