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and
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No. 1810. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE OPERATION OF A NATION-WIDE PROGRAM FOR THE CONTROL OF RABIES IN MEXICO. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 28 MAY 1952, AND AT MEXICO CITY, ON 4 JUNE 1952

The Government of the United States of Mexico (hereinafter referred to as "the Government"), having requested technical assistance in furtherance of its plans for economic development,

and

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"), desiring to give effect to the resolutions of the United Nations and of the Organization concerning the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance for Economic Development,

BEING DESIROUS of reaching agreement concerning the execution of a nation-wide program for the control of rabies in the United States of Mexico, particularly with reference to the purpose and scope of the program and the responsibilities that shall be assumed and the materials and services that shall be provided,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

PART I

PLAN OF ACTION

1.—*Objectives of the Project*

The objectives of the nation-wide rabies control program shall be :

- 1.1. To control and prevent the spread of rabies in its animal reservoir in the United States of Mexico.
- 1.2. To reduce the number of deaths and eventually to eradicate the disease in man.
- 1.3. To reduce the serious losses caused by paralytic rabies in cattle, which affect the production of food by diminishing the available supply of animal protein.

¹ Came into force on 4 June 1952, as from the date of signature by both contracting parties, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Part IV.

- 1.4. To produce avianized rabies vaccine in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of the nation-wide immunization campaign.
- 1.5. To determine and effectuate suitable technical standards and procedures for the rapid development of a large-scale immunization campaign, which may also be observed and utilized by other countries.

2.—*Nature and Scope of the Project*

2.1. The project shall consist, basically, of successive vaccination, in selected regions of the United States of Mexico, of the maximum number of susceptible animals, in a minimum of time. This program will be supplemented by other recognized methods of control, including, primarily, the reduction of the number of susceptible Carnivora.

3.—*Administration and Planning*

3.1. In the execution of this Agreement, the Government and the Organization shall comply with the resolutions of the United Nations and of the Organization relating to the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance for Economic Development.

3.2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and the Ministry of Public Health and Welfare will co-ordinate a general plan for the control of rabies and, according to the nature of their requirement, they will develop and operate their respective programs independently. For the maximum effectiveness of the campaign, the program shall include :

3.2.1. Suitable procedures for the attainment of the objectives of this project;

3.2.2. The selection of regions in which the program will be initiated and conducted shall conform to the epidemiology and higher incidence rate of the disease;

3.2.3. Budgets and fiscal procedures for the project;

3.2.4. Duration of the program and the plan for the expansion and continuation thereof subsequent to the termination of the present Agreement.

3.3. The direction and operation of the program shall be the responsibility of the Government, with co-operation provided by the Organization.

3.4. The Ministries shall be in charge of the direction, orientation and supervision of this program, co-ordinating the activities of their respective anti-rabies programs.

3.5. The Ministry of Public Health and Welfare shall be in charge of the campaign against human and canine rabies, while the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock shall combat rabies in livestock.

3.6. The Ministry of Public Health and Welfare and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock shall provide the personnel required for the program, utilizing such staff, services, and other facilities as each Minister deems advisable.

3.7. The avianized rabies vaccine for the nation-wide anti-rabies campaign shall be produced by the National Department of Livestock Research (Dirección General de Investigaciones Pecuarias) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

3.8. It is understood that the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock shall furnish the avianized rabies vaccine at cost to the Ministry of Public Health and Welfare.

3.9. The Government, through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization, shall furnish any excess of vianized rabies vaccine to the Republics of Central America, at cost.

3.10. A central registry shall be organized and maintained. Appropriate certificates shall be issued and statistical charts shall be maintained, containing significant data for future study and research related to canine rabies and rabies in cattle.

3.11. The respective Ministries shall notify the local authorities of the existence of this project so as to obtain their co-operation in carrying out the proposed objectives.

3.12. The personnel appointed by the Organization for this program shall be responsible to the Organization.

4.—*Publications and Reports*

4.1. The respective Ministries will encourage publication, both national and international, of the results of this project, so as to facilitate as wide an acquaintance as possible with these results.

4.2. The officers in charge of the respective programs shall present monthly reports on the operation of the project to their respective Ministers, copies of which shall be transmitted to the Organization through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization.

4.3. At the completion of the program, the officers in charge of the respective campaigns and the technical consultant of the Organization shall jointly prepare a final report on the operation of the program.

PART II

COMMITMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. The Organization shall provide, under the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance for Economic Development, the following personnel, equipment and supplies, it being understood that for the period of activities subsequent to 31 December 1952, these commitments shall be subject to the availability of funds of the Organization.

1.1.—*Personnel*

One (1) Veterinary Epizootiologist, to serve as consultant for the duration of the program; and

One (1) Veterinary Virologist.

1.1.1. The afore-mentioned consultant shall co-operate in his consultative capacity in the planning, preparation and operation of the program and, through the specialized virologist, also acting in an advisory capacity, in the production of avianized rabies vaccine.

1.1.2. The Organization shall pay the salaries, allowances, and insurance of the afore-mentioned personnel, and shall defray the cost of their travel outside the country.

1.2.—*Equipment*

The Organization shall provide the items within the broad category below, in an amount not to exceed the approximate sum of US\$20,000. (Twenty Thousand Dollars):

a) One lyophilizing unit, 5-liter capacity,
Model F. J. Stokes 2004-6.

One lyophilizing unit, 1-liter capacity,
Model F. J. Stokes 203 F.

One freezer (congelador).

b) Other items, including a Brewer filling machine,

Prevue fertility tester, egg trays, mechanical washer, sealing apparatus
Rotoseal No. 137, nitrogen unit, etc.

1.3.—*Supplies*

The Organization shall furnish, in an amount not to exceed US\$24,000 (Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars), the following supplies:

a) Specialized glassware, chemicals and reagents.

b) Laboratory animals, procurement of initial colony of white mice.

c) 100,000 bottles with rubber caps and aluminium seal 50-cc. capacity.

d) Apparatus for sealing the above-mentioned bottles.

e) 200,000 lyophilizing vials, 50-cc. capacity.

f) Other material to increase the production of vaccine, including up to 20 % of the amount allotted for supplies, for the purchase or development of a reliable source of supply of fertile eggs.

1.3.1. Title to the equipment and supplies mentioned above shall be transferred to the Government of Mexico, in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Organization. The Government hereby agrees to take such measures as are necessary to insure the progress of this program after the technical assistance of the Organization has been withdrawn.

PART III

COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Ministry of Public Health and Welfare and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, in conformity with the detailed plan of operations referred to in Part I, paragraph 3.2 hereof, shall provide the personnel, administrative facilities, materials and supplies for the operation of this project (except those specified to be provided by the Organization in Part II hereof).

1.1. The Government shall allot the necessary funds for the execution of the programs specified in the present Agreement.

1.2.—*Buildings and Equipment*

The Government shall provide the necessary laboratories in the Institute of Livestock Research (Instituto de Investigaciones Pecuarias) for the large-scale production of avianized rabies vaccine, as well as the office facilities required for the project.

1.2.1. The Government shall defray the cost of transporting all the equipment and supplies within the country. Furthermore, the Government shall take all necessary measures to insure that any materials, supplies or equipment furnished or utilized by the Organization are exempted from any tax, fee, duty or other charges in Mexico.

1.3.—*Commitments with respect to the Personnel of the Organization*

The Government assumes the responsibility to pay the following in the currency of the country or otherwise :

- a) lodging expenses at the rate of 28 Mexican pesos per day for each expert unaccompanied by dependents, and at the rate of 42 pesos per day for experts who are accompanied by one or more dependents. (The application of this provision shall remain in suspense until 1 January 1953, on which date it shall begin to be applied);
- b) transportation of the experts of the Organization, when they are travelling on official business within the country, away from their duty station;
- c) official postal and telecommunication services;
- d) medical care and hospitalization in the country, if required;
- e) all taxes, duties and other charges levied by the Government which are not covered by the privileges and immunities specified in Part IV, paragraph 1 hereof.

1.3.1. In lieu of making payment in accordance with paragraph 1.3 above, the Government may furnish the facilities and services in kind.

PART IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Government shall extend to the Organization, its staff and consultants, while engaged in the program provided for in this Agreement, the privileges and immunities set forth in the General Convention¹ on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, and Annex VIII thereto, as approved by the World Health Assembly, as well as such other privileges and immunities as may be set forth in any separate agreement approved by both parties.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both of the contracting parties, and it shall remain in force until 31 December 1953.
3. With the mutual consent of the Organization and the Government, this Agreement may be modified whenever circumstances so require.
4. This Agreement may be renewed, with such modifications and amendments as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties.
5. Either of the contracting parties may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification, and termination shall become effective sixty days after receipt of the said notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement in Mexico City, D.F., on the 4th day of June 1952, and in Washington, D.C., on the 28th day of May 1952, in six copies three in Spanish and three in English.

For the
Government of the United
States of Mexico :
(Signed) Nazario ORTIZ-GARZA
Minister of Agriculture and
Livestock

For the
World Health Organization :
(Signed) M. G. CANDAU
for the
Regional Director for the Americas

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 33, p. 261; Vol. 43, p. 342; Vol. 46, p. 355; Vol. 51, p. 330; Vol. 71, p. 316; Vol. 76, p. 274; Vol. 79, p. 326; Vol. 81, p. 332; Vol. 84, p. 412; Vol. 88, p. 446; Vol. 90, p. 323; Vol. 91, p. 376; Vol. 92, p. 400; Vol. 96, p. 322; Vol. 101, p. 288; Vol. 102, p. 322; Vol. 109, p. 319; Vol. 110, p. 314; Vol. 117, p. 386; Vol. 122, p. 335; Vol. 127, p. 328, and Vol. 131, p. 309.