

## **Title: Traceability**

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## **Summary**

### 1. History of the traceability in Uruguay

**The System of Identification and Animal Register** was created by the Law 17.997 on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, with the aim to built the traceability in the products of animal origin in all the country.

The National Livestock Identification System (SNIG), is an information system which has the principal objective to assure the traceability of the bovine cattle from the origin establishment of the animal up to the slaughter plant, individually as well as by groups of animals.

The **Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP)** provides to the farmers the devices (a pair of visual and electronic one), for identification of the calves, as it is specified in the Law 17.997.

Since the validity of the Law, there were delivered an average of 3:000.000 devices per year.

### 2. Certification of processes ó Electronic Certification of Slaughter Plants enabled to faena for export

Betting to the sanitary efficiency and also to the certification processes, since March 2nd, 2015 it began the **Electronic certification of animals to be slaughtered in plants enabled for export.**

That process has allowed to optimize time and kilometres.

In the **electronic certification** participate several actors in the production channel.

The common objective is achieve the slaughter of animal previously certificated by a veterinary professional, giving as a result carcasses suitable for export meat.

Stages of the process:

- Certification of the animals in the establishment
- Movement of the animals to the slaughter plant
- Notification of destruction of devices

Since October 2015, the **Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP)** through the **National System of Livestock Identificacion (SNIG)**, is full member of the **Registry International Committee for Animal Recording Practices (ICAR).**

Due to the status acquired for the System in the last years, added to the guarantee that represents the procurement of the membership for the purchasing of devices; we consider a good opportunity for continuing with the integration, showing the experience acquired for Uruguay in relation with the certification of productive processes and mainly to enrich with new knowledges and experiences in national traceability.

Thank you