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➤ SERNAPESCA ADOPTS MEASURES TO CONTAIN THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN THE SALMON INDUSTRY

Over the last few days, the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service ("Sernapesca") has issued a series of resolutions - [N° 565/2020](#), [N° 585/2020](#), [N° 614/2020](#) and [N° 648/2020](#) - oriented to adopt measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in salmon farming centers.

I. Recipients

Aquaculture companies, salmon farming centers and processing plants.

II. Measures

Sernapesca is authorized to adopt, after a prior technical analysis, a series of sanitary, environmental and operational measures necessary to assure a minimum exposition of Sernapesca personnel to COVID-19 and to avoid unnecessary movement of personnel working at salmon farming centers. Among these measures are the following:

1. Postponing or overtaking the beginning of sanitary rest, extending or reducing the production period, upon request.
2. Extend the term of permanence in the collection centers, upon request, indicating the number of days required to enter fish into process.
3. Postponing and extending stocking periods.
4. Extending the period set forth for cleaning and disinfecting the centers' structures, once the harvest has been carried out.
5. Postpone the samplings for environmental reports (INFA) in centers where they cannot be carried out.

Furthermore, the resolutions contain a series of measures related to disease surveillance and control programs and to online documentation and notifications.

In the same line, the Superintendence of the Environment ("SMA") activated a protocol to stimulate environmental compliance in the aquaculture industry. In the event of specific contingencies at hatcheries, farming centers, transfer stations or processing plants during the COVID-19 pandemic, the corresponding Contingency and/or Emergency Plans shall be activated.



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