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Report Highlights:

This report outlines updated plant and label registration guidance for U.S. meat and meat product exporters to Brazil. The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA) Brasília will continue to provide assistance for U.S. plant registration in Brazil, however, U.S. meat and meat product exporters will be responsible for product label registration in Brazil. Please note that products cannot be shipped until confirmation of both establishment and label registration is received from the Government of Brazil. This report supersedes the previous instructions contained in GAIN Report Number BR 1706, dated 5/17/2017.

To export to Brazil, the U.S. exporter of animal-origin products must obtain prior authorization from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), as well as from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA). General information on import requirements is available in the USDA Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Report (FAIRS) Annual Country Report and the Annual FAIRS Export Certificate Report, as well as other reports prepared on a voluntary basis. These reports are available in the FAS GAIN reports database. For the most current information on beef and beef products export policies to Brazil, always consult the FSIS" Export Library.

Establishment Registration – U.S. portion:

Establishments wishing to export to Brazil are required to submit FSIS Form 9080-3: *Establishment Application for Export* through the Public Health Information System (PHIS). Please refer to <u>FSIS Directive 13,000.5</u>, *Public Health Information System Export Certification*, for more information and instructions on the FSIS website at: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-02/9080-3-Application-Submission.pdf.

The application (FSIS Form 9080-3) should have the following information:

- a. USDA Establishment Number:
- b. Establishment Name and Address as shown on current Grant of Inspection;
- c. Type of Operation (slaughter, boning/cut-up, grinding, processing, cold storage, or other);
- d. Class of products to be exported (raw product-ground; raw product-not ground; thermal processed/com. sterile; not heat treated-shelf stable (S.S); heat treated-shelf stable; fully cooked/not shelf-stable; heat-treated/not fully cooked-not S.S.; product with secondary inhibitors-Not S.S.
- e. Species (beef, other: includes pork casings, lamb casings);
- f. Contact information of the establishment representative including name, title, telephone number, and fax number.

Export applicants who do not have access to or use PHIS should alert Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) and send a fully completed paper copy of FSIS Form 9080-3 to the FSIS Proxy, using one of the three options listed below, for entry into PHIS on the applicant's behalf. FSIS Proxy information is located on the FSIS Export Library page.

- 1 Email: FSCExport.Recon@usda.gov;
- 2 Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, FMD, Financial Services Center,
- P.O. Box 9205, Des Moines, IA 50306-9948; or
- 3 Fax: 1-844-378-1048

Once the Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD) approves the FSIS Form 9080-3, FSIS will certify these establishments to the Government of Brazil.

Establishment Registration – Brazil portion:

FSIS will notify FAS/Brasilia (Post) of the company's request for authorization to export to Brazil. Post will liaise with MAPA on behalf of FSIS. Once MAPA receives the FSIS request for establishment registration, it will include the plant in its database of plants authorized to export to Brazil. The database is available at the following Link. MAPA will inform the OAA once this action is completed. The OAA will then forward the registration notification to FSIS. FSIS will then update the Eligible Establishment List for Brazil. At this point, the company will be able to register labels in the MAPA online system.

Establishment Update in the MAPA System:

If a U.S. exporter requires modification for a plant that is already registered with MAPA (such as changes to the name of the establishment, or to the categories of goods to be exported), please reach out to Mrs. Camila Aquino (Agricultural Specialist, FAS/Brasilia) at camila.aquino@usda.gov, with a copy to agbrasilia@state.gov to receive the latest guidance on what is required by the Brazilian sanitary authorities to perform this task.

Products Eligible to Export to Brazil:

According to the equivalence system established with Brazil, the United States can only export the following animal-origin products to Brazil:

- 1. Beef, beef products, and beef offals sourced from cattle slaughtered and processed on or after July 27, 2016, except as noted below in B. Ineligible Product and the Eligible Establishment List for Brazil.
- 2. Pork casings.
- 3. Lamb casings imported from New Zealand that have not undergone processing or repackaging in the U.S.
- 4. Airline Meals U.S. meat intended for use in meals on airlines for the consumption of the crew and passengers onboard international flights may be exported from any U.S. inspected facility.
- 5. Protein-free tallow.
- 6. Edible products for pharmaceutical or other industrial purposes.

Products Ineligible to Export to Brazil:

- 1. Beef, beef products, and offals that have undergone radiation treatment.
- 2. Creekstone Farms Premium Beef: Beef and beef products or beef and beef products derived from beef products produced at Est. 27, Creekstone Farms Premium Beef on or after April 16, 2020, and on or before October 6, 2020, are ineligible for export to Brazil.
- 3. Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products.
- 4. Fresh/frozen and further processed pork and pork products.

Label Registration Process:

According to Brazilian legislation, all animal-origin products, whether domestic or imported, must have their product labels registered in the MAPA system called "Agricultural Management Platform of the Federal Inspection Service Information Management System" (PGA-SIGSIF). To complete product label registration, the company must enroll at least one representative (user) in PGA-SIGSIF.

Note that the electronic PGA-SIGSIF was introduced in 2017, replacing the previous paper-based registration system. Companies that already have labels registered in either system before the publication of this report do not need to resubmit them. Going forward, Post will not register users and labels in the system on behalf of companies.

Once the U.S. plant is registered in the system, a plant representative will need to create a login account in the PGA-SIGSIF system, and then link their profile to the company's plant(s). Please note that Brazilian law requires evidence that the person designated as a user for the company is a legal representative of the company. The recommended practice is to select a well-established staff member at the exporting company as the user with the highest level of access, also known as the External Access Manager. The External Access Manager in PGA-SIGSIF will have the ability to deny any future access requests to plant files and labels, as well as access to add, modify and delete existing labels. A more detailed explanation of the levels of user access and the steps to create an External Access Manager profile are outlined in Appendix 1, section 4: "Link user account to your company's plants in the system".

In Appendix 1 of this report you will find step-by-step guidance on how to:

- 1 Log in to your PGA-SIGSIG account;
- 2 -Verify the users authorized for your company;
- 3 Create a new user account;
- 4 Link user account to your company's plants in the system;
- 5 Manage/Inactivate current users authorized for your company;
- 6 Request a change of status of a new user in the system.

Please note that all product labels need to comply with Brazilian legislation, and the company is responsible for being aware of any pertinent rules or regulations. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their Brazilian customers before any goods are shipped, as they are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities. Final import approval of products is subject to the importing country's rules and regulations as interpreted by border officials at the time of the product entry.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Camila Aquino, Agricultural Specialist, FAS/Brasilia at camila.aquino@usda.gov, with a copy to agbrasilia@state.gov.

APPENDIX 1

REGISTRATION IN BRAZIL'S MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND FOOD SUPPLY (MAPA) PGA-SIGSIF SYSTEM

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE

This guidance provides detailed information on how to:

- 1 Log in to your PGA-SIGSIG account
- 2 Verify the users authorized for your company
- 3 Create a new user account
- 4 Link the user account to your company's plants in the system
- 5 Manage/Inactivate current users authorized for your company
- 6 Request a change of status of a current user in the system

1. LOG IN TO YOUR PGA-SIGSIF ACCOUNT

- a) Click on this link: https://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/pages/PGA-SIGSIF.html
- b) Click on this option: Para usuários já cadastrados, clique aqui and on the page that pops up, please insert your login and password. Click "Acessar" (Access).

Note that the login information was sent to your registered email account when it was created. The title of the login email is [SEGAUT] - Dados para acesso, sent by "Portal Sistemas" from the email address portalsistemas@agricultura.gov.br.

- b.1) If you have forgotten your login information, you can click on "Esqueci a senha" (Forgot password). You will need to fill out a form to retrieve your password. The red arrows in the screenshot below indicate the tab/ field you need to select and fill out to reset the password.
 - Select the tab "Estrangeiro"
 - In the field **Documento**, enter the document number used during registration. (Typically this is either a passport or a driver's license number)
 - In the field **Pais** select "Estados Unidos"
 - At the bottom, click "Recuperar Senha" (Recover password)

• Monitor your email for MAPA's response. Check your spam inbox as well.

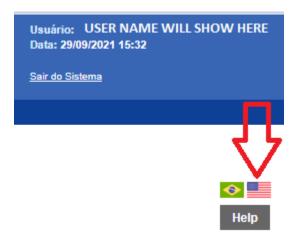


c) If the website shows you a page with different systems, please select "PGA-SIGSIF". You can verify that you are in the correct system by looking at the top left corner of your screen.



2. VERIFY THE USERS AUTHORIZED FOR YOUR COMPANY

a) Log in to the system (follow Section 1 guidance). On the right side of your screen, near the top, you will see two flags. Click on the U.S. flag to change the system to English.

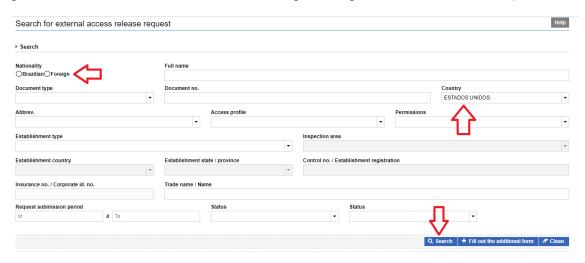


IMPORTANT! Please note that although the system will translate the field titles into English, the actual form must be filled out in **Portuguese**.

- b) At the top of the page mouse over the field "Administrative".
- c) Scroll down and mouse over "Access Management" and select "External Access Control".



- d) The system will display the following screen: "Search for external access release request". You will now be able to search the PGA-SIGSIF system for registered users affiliated with your company.
- d) In the field "Nationality" (Nationality), please click on "Brazilian" or "Foreign" to indicate the nationality of the user you seek information about. Click on "Search". If searching for American users, please select "Estados Unidos" from the dropdown option in the field "Country".



e) The users associated with the login you input in Section 1 of this guidance will come up under "Result".

Note that if you have more than one plant associated with a user account, the user name will show up and the plant number will vary in the column "Scope/Number".



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3. CREATE A NEW USER ACCOUNT

To enroll a new user in the system for your company, please follow these guidelines:

- a) Navigate to the PGA-SIGSIF user registration page: https://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/solicita/manterUsuarioExt.action
- * Please note that the user registration page, or the "Solicita Portal" does not have the option for an English translation of the fields.
 - In the field "País" (Country), select "Estados Unidos" (United States) from the dropdown menu.
 - In the field "Sigla" (Acronym), select "PGA-SIGSIF" from the dropdown menu.
 - The field "Perfil" (Profile) will be automatically filled out.

The next section of the form is the Personal Information (Informações Pessoais).

- Fill out your full name in the field "Nome Completo". Your login will be automatically filled out.
- Fill out your Date of Birth in the field "Data de Nascimento". Make sure to use the international date format: DAY/MONTH/YEAR.
- Select your gender: "Masculino" (Male) or "Feminino" (Female).
- In the field "Tipo do Documento de Identificação" (Type of Identification Document), then select either "Passaporte" to add your Passport number, or select "Carteira de Identidade de Estrangeiro" to add your driver's license number. Then, in the field "Nº do Documento de Identificação" (Identification Document Number), add the number of either your passport or your driver's license, according to your prior selection.
- In the field "Tipo do E-mail" (Type of E-mail) select either "Comercial" (Commercial) or "Pessoal" (Personal).
- Fill out your email in the field "Email para contato" (Email for Contact).

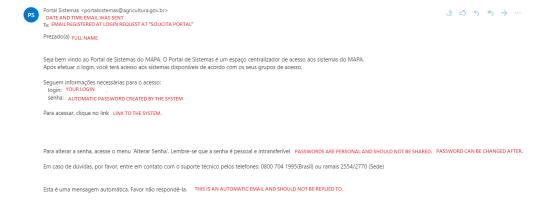
The next section of the form is Address (Endereço).

• Enter your zip code in the first field

- Enter your address in the "Endereço" field.
- Click on "Confirmar" (Confirm).



After completing this form, an automatic email will be sent to the email address you registered with your login and password. Please monitor your email account for an email from the email user "Portal Sistemas", email address "portalsistemas@agricultura.gov.br", entitled: [SEGAUT] - Dados para accesso. It will resemble this:



4. LINK USER ACCOUNT TO YOUR COMPANY'S PLANTS IN THE SYSTEM

After receiving the email with your login and password information, you will need to request that your user registration is linked to your company's plant data in the system. To do so, please follow these steps.

- a) Log in to the system (follow Section 1 guidance)
- b) On the right side of your screen, near the top, you will see two flags. Click on the U.S. flag to change the system to English.



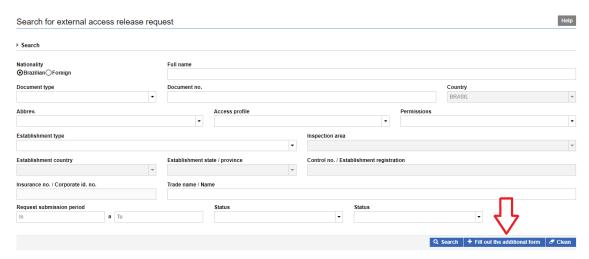
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- b) At the top of the page mouse over the field "Administrative".
- c) Scroll down and mouse over "Access Management" and select "Request for External Access".

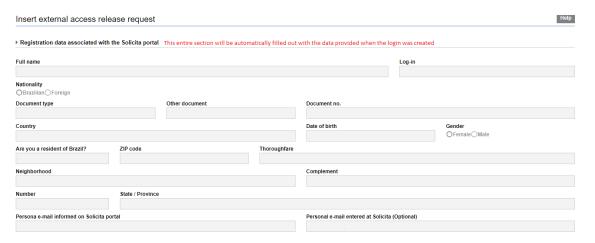


d) You should see the page "Search for external access release request". Here, you can verify whether there is an existing user registration request already in the system. Follow the steps in "Section 2" of

this guide to search for existing requests. If this is a completely new request, click on "+ Fill out the additional form" at the bottom of the search page.



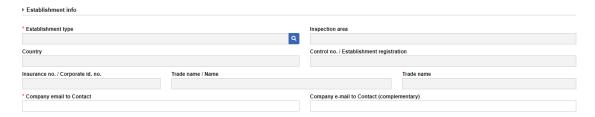
d) You should see the page "Insert external access release request". The first part of the form "Registration data associated with the Solicita portal" will be automatically filled with the data provided when the login was created.



- e) You will need to fill out the second part of the form "External access release":
 - In the Abbrev. field select "PGA-SIGSIF" from the dropdown menu
 - In the "Modality" box, double-click on "PGA-SIGSIF/Registro de produto" (PGA-SIGSIG/Product Registration), to move it to the "Selected modalities" box.



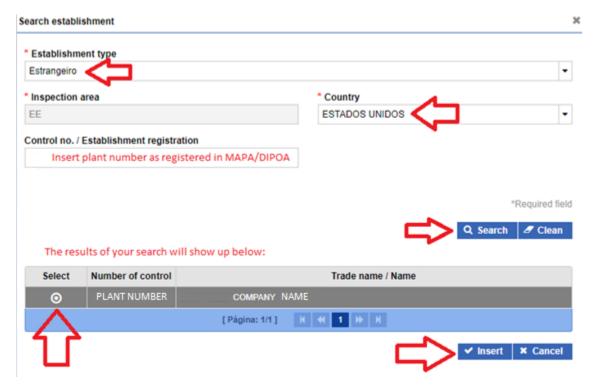
f) You will need to fill out the third part of the form "Establishment info":



• In the "Establishment type" field, click on the magnifying glass symbol to search for your plant.

The search form will pop up.

- Select "Estrangeiro" (Foreign) under "Establishment type".
- Select "Estados Unidos" (United States) under "Country"
- Insert the plant number as registered in MAPA/DIPOA under "Control no./ Establishment registration" example below.
- Click on search. The results of your search will show up below.
- Click on "Select" to choose the plant.
- Click on "Insert".



- g) The system will insert the plant information on the "Establishment Info" page. Please fill out the field "Company email to Contact".
- h) The next sections of the form are "Access profile" and "Permissions". This is where you will be able to select the level of access you want the user to have for that specific plant.

Level 1 access: "Consulta Produto-Nac/Estrang" (National or Foreign Product Consultation)

With this level of access, a user can search/request product registration; Standardized Product; Product Ingredient; See Board of Notices. The user can see labels linked to the company as well as products' composition.

Level 2 access: "Solicitante de Reg. Produto" (Product Registration Requester)

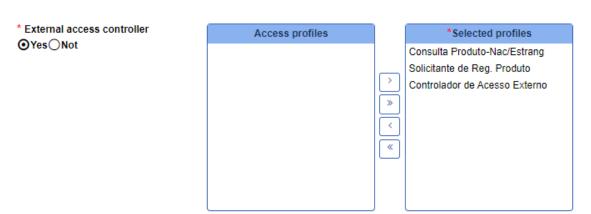
With this level of access, a user can search/request product registration; Standardized Product; Product Ingredients; Control External Access. The user can request product registration from MAPA via the system.

<u>Level 3 access</u>: "Controlador de Acesso Externo" (External Access Manager)

With this level of access, a user can evaluate external access requests; Control external access and perform all other tasks in the previous levels. The user can deny/approve another user to be affiliated with the plant in the system.

Note: It is imperative that the External Access Manager be a well-established staff at the company, as this person can deny any future access requests. More than one person can have this level of access to the system.

h.1) If the plant does not have an External Access Manager user in the system, the system will automatically select "Yes" in the field "External access controller".



h.2) If the plant already has a registered External Access Manager user in the system, the system will automatically select "Not" in the field "External access controller", and select level 2 access, as shown below.

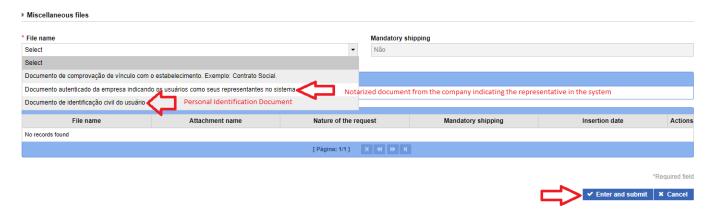
To grant the new user External Access Manager user level, click on "Yes" in the field "External access controller".



i) The next section of the form is Miscellaneous files. The user must attach required documents proving affiliation with the company, and a copy of personal ID.

Please note that the system will only allow files in the following formats: .DOC, .DOCX, .PDF, .XLS, .XLSX, .OPF, .JPG, .PNG with maximum size limit of 5 MB.

- From the dropdown menu entitled "File name", select the option "Documento autenticado da empresa indicando os usuários como seus representantes no sistema" (Notarized document from the company indicating the representative in the system), and attach the scanned version of that document. The document example is available in Appendix 2.
- Click on "Documento de identificação civil do usuário" (Personal Identification Document),
 please upload your ID document scan. The personal document may be a passport or your
 driver's license. After uploading the appropriate documents, please click on "enter and submit".



j) Your request will be submitted to the system for evaluation. To check the status of your request, you can follow the guidance from Sections 4 a, b, and c of this guide.



The user verification is done manually by the PGA-SIGSIF staff, who check that all of the submitted documents and information meets the requirements.

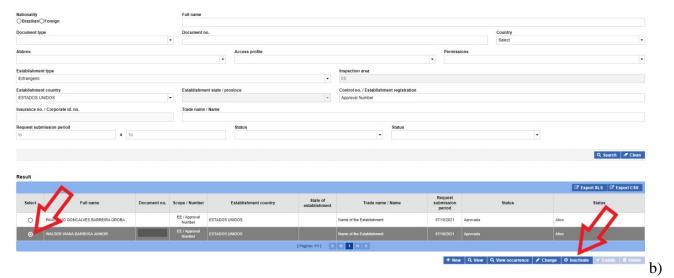
- Once your request for user registration is processed, in the "Situation" (Situação) field, the status will change to "Solicitação Aprovada" (Request Approved).
- If the submitted documentation does not meet Brazilian requirements, the user registration request will be denied, and you will receive an email notification from the email account "Portal Sistemas", email "portalsistemas@agricultura.gov.br"
- If registration is denied, the user may file a new registration request.

5. MANAGE/INACTIVATE CURRENT USERS AUTHORIZED FOR YOUR COMPANY

To manage users associated with your company, you must have the highest level of access, labeled as "External Access Manager." If you have that level of access, proceed as below. If you do not have the highest level of access, follow the guidance in section 6.

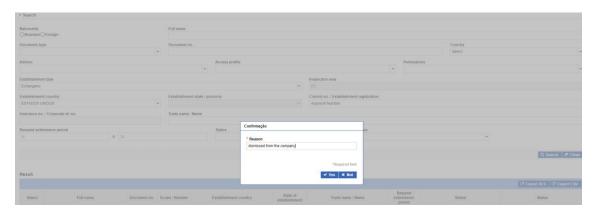
a) To select the user whose access you wish to inactivate, follow the steps in Sections 1 and 2. Then, click on the left column "Select". Please make sure you check the user name on the column "Full Name" and the plant number in the column "Scope/Number".

The plant number will be displayed as "EE/Plant Number". "EE" stands for "Foreign Company".

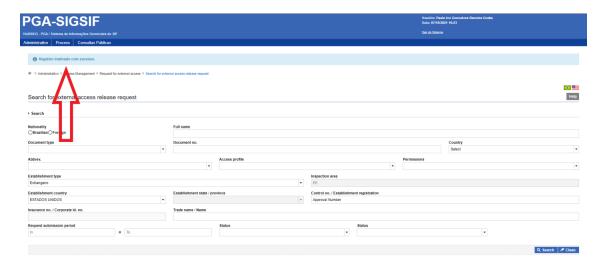


Click on "Inactivate" at the bottom.

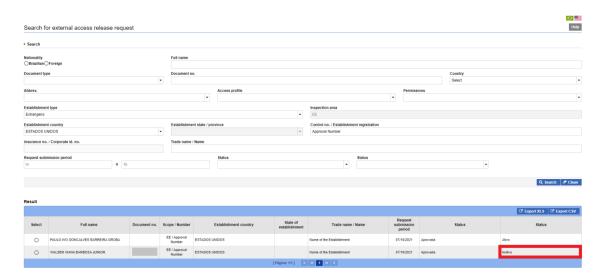
c) The system will show a confirmation screen, in which you need to state the reason why you wish to inactivate that user, as below. After completing the reason, please click on "Yes".



After that, the system will show a message stating that "Registro inativado com sucesso" (Registration successfully inactivated). From this point onwards, the user will no longer be able to perform any tasks in the PGA-SIGSIF system on behalf of the company until you activate their account again (reauthorize), shall you want to do that. You can do this at any time.



To confirm that the user is inactivated, you can double-check by following the steps in Section 2 of this guidance. The inactivated user will show as "Inativo" (Inactive), as below:



6. REQUEST A CHANGE OF STATUS OF A CURRENT USER IN THE SYSTEM

Any user associated with the company is eligible to have the highest level of access, or the External Access Manager user status. The user can request an upgrade. Before being granted, the user eligibility must be verified either by an already existing company's External Access Manager and/or by MAPA SIGSIF staff.

Note that MAPA requires that all External Access Managers – whether they are new users or users whose access is being upgraded – submit a declaration of their company affiliation **signed by a company official and notarized by a U.S. notary.** A Hague Apostille is not necessary for this document. Appendix 2 of this report has an example of the "Declaration of Foreign Establishment Representative Designation to the Brazilian Sanitary Authority." An informal translation of this document to Portuguese is needed. It does not need to be notarized. If the company chooses to use the

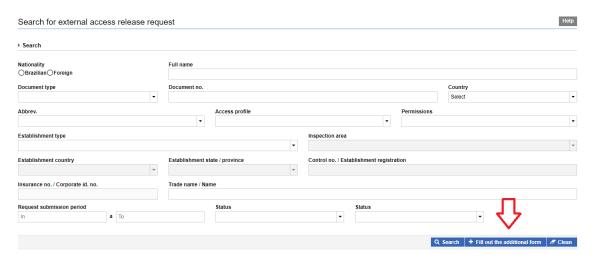
document example in Appendix 2, it may use the informal translation template available in Appendix 3 to upload to the system. Please scan both documents together in order to upload them to the system.

To register a user as an External Access Manager, follow the steps below:

- a) Log in to the system following the steps in Section 1.
- b) At the top of the page mouse over the field "Administrative".
- c) Scroll down and mouse over "Access Management" and select "External Access Control".



d) The system will display the screen "Search for external access release request". Click on "+Fill out the additional form".



The system will automatically populate the personal fields with the data you provided when you first registered.

e) Follow all the steps from Section 4 e) onwards. During step 4 h) you can select the additional profile levels for the user.

APPENDIX 2

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

EXAMPLE OF DECLARATION FOREIGN ESTABLISHMENT REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION TO THE BRAZILIAN SANITARY AUTHORITY

CITY, DATE

TO:

Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply Management Support Coordination – CSG/DIPOA/SDA Department of Animal-Origin Products Inspection Secretariat of Agricultural Defense

Dear Management Support Coordination Staff,

By this act, on this DATE (fully spelled out) of MONTH (fully spelled out) of the YEAR NUMBER, COMPANY NAME (fully spelled out, exactly as in the DIPOA System), declares that Mr./Ms. REPRESENTATIVE FULL NAME is a lawful member of the company and appoints him/her to act on its behalf in the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Food Supply (MAPA) system called "Agricultural Management Platform of the Federal Inspection Service Information Management System (PGA-SIGSIF)" to act as LEVEL OF ACCESS [e.g., external access manager, product registration requester, national/foreign product consultation)]. The COMPANY NAME is registered with MAPA under the establishment control number CONTROL NUMBER and is located in the United States of America. This declaration will be part of Mr./Ms. LAST NAME's documentation in the PGA-SIGSIF system.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in registering Mr./Ms. REPRESENTATIVE FULL NAME in the PGA-SIGSIF portal as a member of COMPANY NAME.

Best regards,
SIGNATURE
Full Name
Title in the company
Contact information:

Phone number: +1 (###) ###-###

Email: Email address

Company address: ADDRESS

NOTARY STAMP

APPENDIX 3

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

TRADUÇÃO LIVRE

DECLARAÇÃO DE DESIGNAÇÃO DE REPRESENTANTE DE ESTABELECIMENTO ESTRANGEIRO PARA A AUTORIDADE SANITÁRIA BRASILEIRA

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PARA:

Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento do Brasil Coordenação de Suporte à Gestão – CSG/DIPOA/SDA Departamento de Inspeção de Produtos de Origem Animal Secretaria de Defesa Agropecuária

Prezada Equipe da Coordenação de Suporte à Gestão,

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Agradeço antecipadamente sua cooperação em registrar o(a) Sr(a). Click or tap here to enter text. no portal PGA-SIGSIF como membro da empresa Click or tap here to enter text..

Atenciosamente,

SIGNATURE

Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap here to enter text. (IN PORTUGUESE. Please use an Internet-based free translation page to translate your "Position held at the company" to Portuguese)

Informações de contato:

Número de telefone: +1 Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Endereço da empresa: Click or tap here to enter text.

Attachments:

No Attachments.