Uruguay: The use of ethion is suspended after meat detected by US

The Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries of Uruguay (MGAP) announced the temporary suspension of the pesticide and antiparasitic etión livestock use, following the detection of traces of this substance by US authorities on meat shipments destined for that country.

The decision of the portfolio of livestock is inserted into the investigation launched in November, when US health authorities detected in five containers with Uruguayan meat traces of ethion, a substance whose use in animals is prohibited in the North American country, requires a statement MGAP.

However, the substance is used in large livestock production countries such as Australia, to control

ticks and flies in animals and, if properly used and respected the deadlines for implementation, should not leave residues in their flesh.

After the participation of a technical mission that traveled to the US MGAP, Uruguay suspended temporarily records and stores withdraw from "all formulations containing ethion registered for tick and fly, regardless of their route of application," stresses The document.

Also among the measures announced, enabling cattle to the slaughter tick is included, "as long as the transfer is carried by truck" and that has a certificate issued by a veterinarian.

In early March, Uruguay suspended enabling export to USA the refrigerator that shipped five containers with traces of meat etión to that country, an episode that was listed by the Uruguayan authorities as isolated and to which the necessary measures were taken.

On that occasion, the Minister of Livestock, Tabaré Aguerre, said beef exports to US no danger, since this Uruguayan product enjoys "broad international recognition" and access to 120 markets worldwide.

In total, Uruguay can export duty free 20,000 tons plus 25,000 tons, equivalent to about 1,000 containers, subject to payment of tariffs, quotas for the open US

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