

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

**Ministry of Planning and Finance
Ministry of Internal Administration
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Ministry of Health**

**Joint Instruction
13 December 2002**

Considering that the partial insularity of Timor-Leste has been preventing, to a certain extent, the entry into the country of strange diseases or goods;

Considering however the need to ensure that public health in Timor-Leste be effectively protected by preventing the import of certain goods, which implies the establishment of an effective service of inspection and quarantine;

Considering that, pursuant to Law no. 2/2002 of 7 August, the applicable legislation in the country is the one in force in Timor-Leste as of 19 May 2002 which, *mutatis mutandis*, is still in force so long as it is not contrary to the Constitution and the principles contained therein;

Considering the need to designate the entity responsible for the implementation of the applicable legislation insofar as inspection and quarantine services of imported goods are concerned;

The Ministers of Planning and Finance, Internal Administration, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Health, pursuant to Section 117.2 a) of the Constitution, and Sections 8.1, 11.1, 12.1 and 14.1 of Decree-Law no. 3/2002 of 20 September, jointly determine the following:

1 - The Quarantine Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall be the responsible entity for inspection and quarantine, namely in the border posts of the country, and for the implementation of law no. 16, of 1992, relating to quarantine of animals, fish and plants.

2 - The powers conferred by the legislation referred to in item 1 above shall be exercised by the Quarantine Service and the respective functionaries duly identified.

The Minister of Planning and Finance
Maria Madalena Brites Boavida : [signed]

The Minister of Internal Administration
Rogério Tiago Lobato : [signed]

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Estanislau Maria Aleixo da Silva

: [signed]

The Minister of Health

Rui Maria de Araújo

: [signed]