



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Mira 2017 International Racing Pigeon Championships**

Following the facts described in the announcement issued on July 14, 2017 by the Direction of the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation, concerning an occurrence in the **Mira Quarantine Center** with the pigeons that were destined for the participation of Portugal in the 2018 World Championship, to be held in Taiwan, the Directorate-General for Food and Veterinary Affairs (DGAV) immediately launched the biosafety measures defined in national and international legislation.

Under the biosafety and security plan implemented by the DGAV, the official services, on a precautionary basis, decreed, on 7 July, the confinement of the pigeons participating in Mira 2017 international racing pigeon championships.

This measure was officially lifted today, July 21, allowing pigeons to return immediately to their normal preparation activity for the final race, scheduled for 2 September.

Until then, for biosafety reasons, the veterinary services of the Portuguese Federation and DGAV will maintain a set of clinical and health monitoring and evaluation measures.

This 15-day interregnum prevented the fulfillment of the training schedule previously announced and conditioned the physical preparation of the pigeons destined to participate in the Mira 2017 international racing pigeon championships.

In this context, the sports committee of the Portuguese Federation will study a new training schedule, taking into account the time until the final race and the impact of this interregnum in the physical performance of the pigeons. The new training schedule will be disclosed as soon as possible.

A [video](#) and [photos](#) taken today are made available for general knowledge.

Coimbra, July 21, 2017

The board of direction