

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM IN RIO DOCE VALLEY

Agreement signed at Rio de Janeiro February 10, 1943

*Entered into force February 10, 1943*¹

*Replaced by agreements of November 9 and 25, 1943*¹

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CONTRACT OF HEALTH AND SANITATION CONCERNING THE RIO DOCE VALLEY

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United States of Brazil, through the agency of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, have decided to sign the following Contract, for execution of health and sanitation measures in the Rio Doce Valley:

CLAUSE FIRST

The present Contract concerning health and sanitation measures in the Rio Doce Valley is drawn up according to the provisions of the similar contract signed on July 17, 1942² by the Governments of the United States of America and Brazil, and registered by the Tribunal de Contas on September 8, Clause I, Item 3 of which says: "Other problems of public health shall be included in the activities of the Service, according to new and previous understandings and contracts between the two parties".

CLAUSE SECOND

Health and Sanitation measures, included in Clause Third of the present contract, to be undertaken in the Rio Doce Valley, will be executed by the Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública and shall be subjected to the provisions of the previous contract. The present contract shall remain in force until December 31, 1943, as the one previously signed, and if the first be extended, the present contract shall be automatically so extended. Payments already made for the execution of health and sanitation measures in the Rio Doce Valley by the Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública, whether from funds of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs or from funds of the Brazilian Government, shall be considered legal for the purposes of this contract, since they have been made with authorization of the Minister of Education and Health,

¹ EAS 375, *post*, p. 960.

² EAS 373, *ante*, p. 928.

and by exchange of letters between said authority and the representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, which establish the principal basis for the participation of the Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública in the sanitation work of the Rio Doce Valley, having been decided by the Minister himself that steps would be taken to have issued by His Excellency, the President of the Republic, a Decree-law regulating this case and others connected with the previous contract.

CLAUSE THIRD

The Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública shall concern itself with general health and sanitation measures in the Valley of the Rio Doce, more especially malaria control and studies, installation of water and sewage systems in some of the principal cities of the Valley and the establishment of a model health center in one of those localities.

a) There will be established in the principal cities and towns of the region and in the camps of laborers working on reconstruction of the Vitória-Minas railroad line, malaria control measures, not only of temporary character but also of a permanent character.

b) The Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública will be granted the privilege of insisting on adequate conditions for the construction of camps for labours employed in the reconstruction of the rail line and the supervision of living conditions of these laborers. Authority shall be vested in the Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública by the Companhia do Vale do Rio Doce to insist upon the enforcement of measures for this purpose. These sanitary requirements should include housing standards, malaria control in the camps and around the camps, provision of adequate and safe water supply, sanitary measures for excreta disposal and disposal of garbage. The Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública will undertake installation of water and sewage systems in Governador Valadares, Aimorés and Colatina, and possibly one or two other cities if so indicated. The Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública shall be authorized to reach agreements with the respective municipalities in exchange for water and sewage installations for the construction and equipment of hospitals of at least one-hundred beds.

c) A health center shall be installed and equipped in Governador Valadares in accordance with the best standards of such installations.

CLAUSE FOURTH

To execute this Contract the Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública will set aside the amount of One Million Dollars (US\$ 1.000.000,00) or approximately Twenty Million Cruzeiros (CR\$ 20.000.000,00). Of this amount the Institute of Inter-American Affairs will provide Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (US\$ 800.000,00); the rest will be provided by the Brazilian Government. Expenditures of the funds allocated to this Contract shall be

made in the proportion of Four Cruzeiros (CR\$ 4,00) of Institute funds to One Cruzeiro of Brazilian Government funds or the equivalent in dollars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, sign and seal the present Contract in duplicate in the English and Portuguese languages, at Rio de Janeiro, this tenth day of February nineteen hundred and forty three.

For the Government of the United States of America:

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