Abstract
In this work we carry on a systematic review of the current situation of the Paraguayan Legislation concerning medicinal plants and phytomedicines. The result was that we could not find any specific law defining expressions like medicinal plant, phytomedicine and herbal medicine, among others. However, the 1119/97 Act considers that medicinal plant products can be formulated as "special medicines". If so, herbs and medicinal plants derivative may be in general considered as potential "medicines", and therefore every regulation about production, sale, publicity, etc., of medicines in general, could be applied to medicinal plants derivatives too. In conclusion, we need adequate and specific regulations about medicinal plants and phytomedicines, because Paraguay has a rich floristic biodiversity and it is influenced by the Guarani culture, which left us a valuable knowledge in medicinal plants use. That is why it is urgent to promote in our country National Policy for a rational and safe use of medicinal plants in health care.

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Legislation, phytomedicines, medicinal plants, Paraguay.