

**DECLARATION OF CERTAIN REGIONS IN THE STATE OF MORELOS AS AREAS
FREE FROM FRUIT FLIES OF THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA***

Communication from Mexico

The following communication, received on 5 December 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and paragraph 3(b) of Annex B thereto, Mexico hereby advises WTO Members that the **Decision declaring the northern region of the communities of Tetela del Volcán and Tlalmimilulpan in the municipality of Tetela del Volcán in the State of Morelos to be an area free from fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance**, was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 30 November 2012.

2. The notified Decision declares the northern region of the communities of Tetela del Volcán and Tlalmimilulpan in the municipality of Tetela del Volcán in the State of Morelos to be an area free from fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, following compliance with the phytosanitary specifications established in points 4.13.1 and 4.13.2 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies.

3. The Decision was published in order to ensure that the northern region of the communities of Tetela del Volcán and Tlalmimilulpan in the municipality of Tetela del Volcán in the State of Morelos remains an area free from fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance. The measures established in points 4.13.1, 4.13.2, 4.13.3, 4.13.5 and 4.14.4 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies and points 4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.5, 4.5.6, 4.5.7 and 4.5.8 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-075-FITO-1997 establishing the requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the movement of fruit fly host fruit will be applied. These measures are expected to have a positive impact on approximately 314 hectares of temperate-climate fruit trees.

4. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5280839&fecha=30/11/2012 or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

5. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
