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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF NAYARIT AS AN AREA  
FREE FROM AUJESZKY'S DISEASE**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 6 February 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures and paragraph 3(b) of Annex B thereto, Mexico hereby advises WTO Members that the **Decision declaring the State of Nayarit to be an area free from Aujeszky's Disease** was published in the Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on 1 February 2013.

2. The Decision declares the State of Nayarit to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease, following the introduction of sanitary measures to ensure the diagnosis, control, eradication and epidemiological surveillance, both active and passive, of the disease. Epidemiological sampling was carried out in all industrial pig farms and in a statistically representative sample of backyard pig farms, in accordance with the objectives and procedures established in Mexican Official Standard NOM-007-ZOO-1994 on the national campaign against Aujeszky's disease. The etiological agent of Aujeszky's disease was not detected.

3. The Decision is being published in order to ensure that the State of Nayarit remains free from Aujeszky's disease, and that the sanitary measures pertaining to diagnosis, prevention, control, epidemiological surveillance, movement control, transport, transit, marketing and swine traceability, found in points 5.4, 10.4, 11, 14.5, 14.9, 14.13, 14.14, 14.15, 14.16, 14.17 and 14.18 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-007-ZOO-1994 on the national campaign against Aujeszky's disease and in the relevant regulations currently in force, are applied.

4. The recognition of the State of Nayarit as an area free from the above-mentioned disease will favour the marketing of swine and swine products and byproducts from this State, which will have a positive impact on the promotion of swine production.

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and [http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5286508&fecha=01/02/2013](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5286508&fecha=01/02/2013) or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

6. 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.

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