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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**DECLARATION OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE OF AGUASCALIENTES  
AS AN AREA FREE FROM FRUIT FLIES OF THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA***

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 18 July 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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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 municipalities of Cosío, El Llano, Pabellón de Arteaga, Rincón de Romos, San Francisco de los Romo, San José de Gracia and Tepezalá, in the State of Aguascalientes, 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 15 July 2013.

2. The notified Decision declares the municipalities of Cosío, El Llano, Pabellón de Arteaga, Rincón de Romos, San Francisco de los Romo, San José de Gracia and Tepezalá, in the State of Aguascalientes, 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 municipalities of Cosío, El Llano, Pabellón de Arteaga, Rincón de Romos, San Francisco de los Romo, San José de Gracia and Tepezalá, in the State of Aguascalientes, remain free from fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha*, in conformity with points 4.13.1, 4.13.2, 4.13.3, 4.13.4, 4.13.5 and 4.14.4 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies and points 4.1, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.5, 4.5.6, and 4.5.7 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-075-FITO-1997 establishing the requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the movement of fruit fly host fruit, and the relevant regulations currently in force.

4. The recognition of these municipalities of the State of Aguascalientes as an area free from this pest will help with the marketing of apples, oranges, peaches, grapefruit, limes, quince and pomegranates grown in these municipalities, and will thus have a positive impact on their production.

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at:  
<http://www.dof.gob.mx>,  
[http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5306652&fecha=15/07/2013](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5306652&fecha=15/07/2013), or from  
the National Enquiry Point ([normasomc@economia.gob.mx](mailto: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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