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**DECISION DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASIENTOS IN THE STATE OF
AGUASCALIENTES TO BE AN AREA FREE FROM FRUIT FLIES OF THE
QUARANTINE-SIGNIFICANT GENUS *ANASTREPHA***

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 31 July 2013, 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 municipality of Asientos in the State of Aguascalientes to be an area free from fruit flies of the quarantine-significant genus *Anastrepha*** was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 30 July 2013.

2. The notified Decision declares the municipality of Asientos in the State of Aguascalientes to be an area free from fruit flies of the quarantine-significant genus *Anastrepha*, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 establishing the national campaign against fruit flies. The necessary phytosanitary measures have been introduced to determine the absence of this pest on the basis of phytosanitary status assessments.

3. The Decision was published in order to ensure that the municipality of Asientos in the State of Aguascalientes remains free from fruit flies of the quarantine-significant genus *Anastrepha*, in accordance with 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.

4. The recognition of Asientos in the State of Aguascalientes as an area free from this pest will promote the marketing of peaches and apples grown in this municipality, and will thus have a positive impact on their production.

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5308412&fecha=30/07/2013 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.
