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**DECLARATION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE OF
MICHOCÁN AS AREAS WITH A LOW PREVALENCE OF
FRUIT FLIES OF THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA***

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 5 September 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 communities of Huanguitio, El Paso, La Florida, La Laja, La Mora, La Soledad and Toluquilla in the municipality of Jungapeo, and the communities of Los Reyes, Mesa Alta and Mesas de Enandio in the municipality of Zitácuaro, both being municipalities of the State of Michoacán, to be areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance**, was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 3 September 2013.

2. The Decision declares the communities of Huanguitio, El Paso, La Florida, La Laja, La Mora, La Soledad and Toluquilla in the Jungapeo municipality, and the communities of Los Reyes, Mesa Alta and Mesas de Enandio in the Zitácuaro municipality, both being municipalities of the State of Michoacán, to be areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, in accordance with the procedures indicated in Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995, establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies, and Mexican Official Standard NOM-075-FITO-1997, establishing the requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the movement of fruit fly host fruit; phytosanitary measures were thus taken to determine the low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, based on phytosanitary status assessments.

3. The Decision was published in order to ensure that seven communities in the Jungapeo municipality and three in the Zitácuaro municipality, both being municipalities of the State of Michoacán, remain as low prevalence areas of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, in accordance with points 4.13.1, 4.13.2, 4.13.3 and 4.13.4 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995, establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies, and points 4.1, 4.5.1, 4.5.1.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.5 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.

4. The recognition of these communities in the Jungapeo and Zitácuaro municipalities in the State of Michoacán as low prevalence areas will help with the marketing of guavas grown in these municipalities, and will thus have a positive impact on their production and marketing.

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5312613&fecha=03/09/2013, or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

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