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**DECLARATION OF AN AREA WITH A LOW PREVALENCE OF FRUIT FLIES
OF THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA* OF QUARANTINE SIGNIFICANCE
AND *RHAGOLETIS POMONELLA***

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 21 January 2014, 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 community of San Lucas Atzala in the municipality of Calpan in the State of Puebla to be an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*, was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 7 January 2014.
2. The Decision declares the community of San Lucas Atzala in the municipality of Calpan in the State of Puebla to be an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*, in accordance 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 community of San Lucas Atzala in the municipality of Calpan in the State of Puebla remains a low prevalence area for fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*, in accordance with the phytosanitary measures to be applied to prevent pests and protect the low prevalence area, which are established in 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 the community of San Lucas Atzala in the municipality of Calpan in the State of Puebla as an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*, provides certainty and ensures free transit and market access for both fruit and fruit products, which will have a positive impact on agricultural production in the State of Puebla, making it more competitive and profitable.
5. The Decision is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5329095&fecha=07/01/2014, 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.