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**PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES TO CONTROL AND MITIGATE
THE SPREAD OF THE SPOTTED-WING DROSOPHILA
(*DROSOPHILA SUZUKII MATSUMURA*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 14 July 2014, 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 establishing phytosanitary measures to control and mitigate the spread of the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila Suzukii Matsumura*) was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 2 July 2014.
 2. The Decision lays down phytosanitary measures to control and mitigate the spread of the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila Suzukii Matsumura*), as the fly, which Mexico considers a regulated pest, may affect international trade in strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries and grapes.
 3. The Decision was published in order to establish phytosanitary measures to control and mitigate the spread of the spotted-wing drosophila. It applies to natural and legal persons that produce, handle, store, transport or market fresh strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries or grapes which are grown or originate in areas under phytosanitary control, with the exception of processed fruit.
 4. The Decision will enter into force on the day following its publication in the Mexican Official Journal.
 5. The Decision is available in Spanish at:
<http://www.dof.gob.mx>,
http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5350909&fecha=02/07/2014, or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).
 6. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
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