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**PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES TO CONTROL AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD  
OF PIERCE'S DISEASE (*XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA* SUBSP. *FASTIDIOSA*)  
AND ITS VECTORS**

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 Pierce's disease (*Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *Fastidiosa*) and its vectors, 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 Pierce's disease (*Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *Fastidiosa*) and its vectors. Pierce's disease is among the pests that affect the cultivation of grapevines and is considered by Mexico as a quarantine pest. It is caused by the bacteria *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *Fastidiosa* and is a progressive disease that can kill plants and entire vineyards.

3. This Decision was published in order to establish phytosanitary measures to control and mitigate the spread of Pierce's disease and its vectors. It applies to natural and legal persons that produce propagation material (grafted plants, cuttings and vine shoots) or fresh fruit from vines, in areas under phytosanitary control; or that transport such products from areas under phytosanitary control to areas free from the disease, or move them through these areas.

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=5350908&fecha=02/07/2014](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5350908&fecha=02/07/2014), 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 purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.

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