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

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 16 January 2015, 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 municipalities of Aguililla, Buenavista, Parácuaro and Zinapécuaro, the communities of Agua Rosada and Huajumbarito in the municipality of Maravatío and the community of Las Mesas in the municipality of Hidalgo, State of Michoacán, to be areas with 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 15 December 2014.

2. The Decision declares the municipalities of Aguililla, Buenavista, Parácuaro and Zinapécuaro, the communities of Agua Rosada and Huajumbarito in the municipality of Maravatío and the community of Las Mesas in the municipality of Hidalgo, State of Michoacán, to be areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance. The phytosanitary measures to be applied to prevent pests and protect the low prevalence area 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 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 based on phytosanitary status assessments by the Directorate-General of Plant Health of the National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service of Mexico.

3. The Decision was published in order to declare the municipalities of Aguililla, Buenavista, Parácuaro and Zinapécuaro, the communities of Agua Rosada and Huajumbarito in the municipality of Maravatío and the community of Las Mesas in the municipality of Hidalgo, State of Michoacán, to be areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance. This declaration can be expected to have a positive impact on approximately 2,369 hectares of mangoes, 1,945 hectares of grapefruit, 2,440 hectares of prunes, 1,260 hectares of peaches and 850 hectares of pears, for which purpose the Decision was issued. The phytosanitary measures established in Articles 19 to 22 of the Federal Plant Health Law and in point 4.4(c), (d) and (f) of Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 for the establishment and recognition of pest-free areas shall be observed.

4. The Decision is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5375914&fecha=15/12/2014, or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

5. 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.