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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**AREA FREE FROM THE SPOTTED-WING DROSOPHILA
(*DROSOPHILA SUZUKII MATSUMURA*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 5 March 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 Caborca, Carbó, Empalme, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Pitiquito and San Miguel de Horcasitas in the State of Sonora to be free from the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*) was published in the Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on 23 February 2015.

2. The Decision declares the municipalities of Caborca, Carbó, Empalme, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Pitiquito and San Miguel de Horcasitas in the State of Sonora to be areas free from the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*). Furthermore, no cases of *Drosophila suzukii Matsumura* have been detected in the grape-producing areas of the municipalities of that State, by virtue of the application of the measures laid down in Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 on the establishment and recognition of pest-free areas.

3. The phytosanitary measures laid down in the "Decision establishing phytosanitary measures to control and mitigate the spread of the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*)", published in the Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on 2 July 2014, must be applied to maintain and protect areas free from the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*).

4. The Decision was published in order to declare the municipalities of Caborca, Carbó, Empalme, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Pitiquito and San Miguel de Horcasitas in the State of Sonora to be areas free from the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*).

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5382977&fecha=23/02/2015, or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

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