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**DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF SAN LUIS POTOSÍ AS AN
AREA FREE FROM AUJESZKY'S DISEASE**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 8 May 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 State of San Luis Potosí to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease was published in the Mexican Official Journal on 28 January 2015.

2. The notified Decision declares the State of San Luis Potosí to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease following the development and introduction of sanitary measures to ensure the diagnosis, control, eradication and epidemiological surveillance, both active and passive, of the disease. Epidemiological sampling carried out in all industrial pig farms and in a statistically representative sample of backyard pig farms did not detect the presence of the etiological agent of Aujeszky's disease.

3. The Decision is being published in order to declare the State of San Luis Potosí to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease. To ensure that the area remains disease-free, the Decision provides for the implementation of the sanitary measures pertaining to the diagnosis, prevention, control and epidemiological surveillance of the disease and the movement control, transport, transit, marketing and traceability of swine set forth in points 5.4, 10.4, 11, 14.5, 14.9, 14.13, 14.14, 14.15, 14.16, 14.17 and 14.18 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-007-ZOO-1994 (National campaign against Aujeszky's disease) and in the relevant regulations currently in force.

4. The declaration of the State of San Luis Potosí as an area free from Aujeszky's disease will favour the marketing of swine and swine products and byproducts from this State, which will have a positive impact on the promotion of swine production in the area.

5. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5379710&fecha=28/01/2015 and 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.
