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**CHANGES IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL TICK
(*BOOPHILUS* SPP.) CONTROL CAMPAIGN**

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 of the publication in the Mexican Official Journal on 28 January 2015 of the Decision amending and adding provisions to the Decision establishing the national tick (*Boophilus* spp.) control campaign, published on 10 September 2012.

2. The notified Decision provides for the following amendments to the Decision establishing the national tick (*Boophilus* spp.) control campaign, published in the Mexican Official Journal on 10 September 2012: changes to Article 10 (point III), Article 12 (points III and V and paragraph 2), Article 26 (points IV and VI), Article 27 (paragraphs 2 and 3), Article 31, Article 32 (point I) and Article 35; and the addition of a third and fourth paragraph to Article 12, an eighth paragraph to Article 30 and an Article 36 *bis*.

3. The Decision was published in order to continue to improve movement control, expedite transit and cut costs, as well as to encourage users to ensure that livestock is free of ticks right from its place of origin by eliminating mandatory quarantine in tick-treatment quarantine stations in such cases. There was also a need to clearly establish the mechanism for protecting tick-free natural areas, as well as the required control of the movement of livestock out of tick-free areas and from areas subject to tick eradication measures into tick-free areas.

4. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5379711&fecha=28/01/2015 and 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 Mexico's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
