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**DECLARATION OF AREAS WITH A LOW PREVALENCE OF FRUIT FLIES OF  
THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA* OF QUARANTINE SIGNIFICANCE  
AND *RHAGOLETIS POMONELLA***

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 11 May 2015, 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 of the publication in the Mexican Official Journal on 8 May 2015 of the Decision declaring the municipalities of Aljojuca, San Nicolás Buenos Aires and Tepeyahualco and the communities of Texcal in the municipality of Cuyoaco and José María Morelos in the municipality of Tlachichuca, State of Puebla, to be areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*.

2. The municipalities of Aljojuca, San Nicolás Buenos Aires and Tepeyahualco and the communities of Texcal in the municipality of Cuyoaco and José María Morelos in the municipality of Tlachichuca, State of Puebla, have been declared areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella* as a result of compliance with the provisions set forth in point 4.13.2 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 (National Campaign against Fruit Flies) and verification of the low prevalence of both pests in these areas.

3. The Decision was published in order to declare areas with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance and *Rhagoletis pomonella*. This declaration is expected to have a positive impact on approximately 1,067 hectares of apple and peach trees, which produce 2,600 tonnes of fruit. 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 (National Campaign against Fruit Flies).

4. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and [http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5391636&fecha=08/05/2015](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5391636&fecha=08/05/2015) and from the National Enquiry Point ([normasomc@economia.gob.mx](mailto: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.

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