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**INTRODUCTION OF NEW GUIDES AND RULES UNDER OFFICIAL MEXICAN
STANDARD NOM-001-SAG/FITO-2013, ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA,
PROCEDURES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF VARIETY GUIDES AND RULES FOR DETERMINING
THE QUALITY OF SEEDS FOR SOWING**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 6 April 2016, 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 a notice announcing the introduction of new guides and rules under Official Mexican Standard NOM-001-SAG/FITO-2013, establishing the criteria, procedures and specifications for the development of variety guides and rules for determining the quality of seeds for sowing, has been published on the website of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service.
2. The purpose of the notice is provide information on the introduction of new guides and rules under Official Mexican Standard NOM-001-SAG/FITO-2013, establishing the criteria, procedures and specifications for the development of variety guides and rules for determining the quality of seeds for sowing, which are available for consultation on the website of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, a decentralized administrative body of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food: <http://snics.sagarpa.gob.mx>.
3. The notice is available at:
http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5431751&fecha=04/04/2016
4. The notice may also be consulted at a later date at:
<http://www.senasica.gob.mx/?id=5456>
5. Comments may be sent to: medidasfito.dgsv@senasica.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.