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**DECLARATION OF AN AREA FREE OF FRUIT FLIES (*ANASTREPHA* SPP. AND
CERATITIS CAPITATA) IN EL JICARAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
LEÓN NORTH OF LAKE XOLOTLÁN**

COMMUNICATION FROM NICARAGUA

The following communication, dated 2 January 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Nicaragua.

1. Pursuant to Article 7 of and paragraph 3(b) of Annex B to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Nicaragua hereby advises WTO Members that **Executive Resolution No. 050-2017 declaring 180 km² as an area free of fruit flies (*Anastrepha* spp. and *Ceratitis capitata*) in El Jicaral in the department of León north of Lake Xolotlán**, was published in the Official Journal *La Gaceta* on 27 November 2017.

2. This Resolution establishes phytosanitary measures to maintain and preserve this status in accordance with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Nos. 4, 10 and 26 of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health (IPSA) will apply the phytosanitary measures necessary to maintain this area's fruit fly-free status. The phytosanitary measures must be applied to protect the territory from other damage from pests.

3. Executive Resolution No. 050-2017 was published in order to declare 180 km² as an area free of fruit flies (*Anastrepha* spp. and *Ceratitis capitata*) in El Jicaral in the department of León north of Lake Xolotlán. As a measure to prevent and mitigate the risk of introducing fruit flies, the area will include a buffer zone of 106 km² in the shape of a 21-sided polygon.

4. The Resolution is available in Spanish from the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade (website: <http://www.mific.gob.ni/en-us/snc/snn/ntcpub/ntoncpub.aspx>; email: notificacion@mific.gob.ni, normalización@mific.gob.ni, imartinez@mific.gob.ni) or the National Enquiry Point: Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health (IPSA) (website: <http://www.ipsa.gob.ni>; email: Santiago.rodriquez@ipsa.gob.ni).

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