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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA AS AN AREA FREE FROM BOLL WEEVIL
(*ANTHONOMUS GRANDIS BOHEMAN*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, received on 29 January 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures on the subject of regional conditions, including pest- or disease-free areas or areas of low pest or disease prevalence, and in keeping with the principle of transparency, we hereby notify the Decision declaring the State of Chihuahua to be an area free from boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis Boheman*).
 2. Whereas it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, through its decentralized administrative body, the National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service, to declare areas to be free from plant pests on the basis of the results of sampling in specific geographical areas;
 3. Whereas there are phytosanitary restrictions on the movement within the country and the export to other countries of cotton products and by-products in connection with the presence of boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis Boheman*);
 4. Whereas Boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis Boheman*) is not present in the State of Chihuahua;
 5. The State of Chihuahua is hereby declared to be an area free from boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis Boheman*).
 6. This Decision will remain in effect for 24 months after its entry into force, as set out in the last paragraph of Article 106 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health.
 7. The notified Decision will enter into force on the day following its 20 December 2018 publication in the Official Journal.
 8. This communication is being submitted for purposes of transparency and in order to provide Members with further information on the current regulatory process in Mexico.
 9. The document is available at:
http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5546960&fecha=20/12/2018.
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