



1 February 2019

(19-0601)

Page: 1/1

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: Spanish

**DECLARATION OF THE STATES OF COAHUILA DE ZARAGOZA AND DURANGO AS  
AN AREA FREE FROM PINK BOLLWORM (*PECTINOPHORA GOSSYPIELLA*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

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

1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the Government of Mexico hereby reports that on 20 December 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development published in the Official Journal a Decision declaring certain federative entities and a municipality within the National Territory to be free of pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).
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 diseases and pests on the basis of the negative results obtained from sampling, trapping and diagnosis in specific geographical areas;
3. Whereas pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*) is one of the main pests affecting cotton in Mexico and is hence regulated by Mexican Official Standard NOM-026-SAG/FITO-2014 establishing regulated cotton plant pest controls;
4. The States of Coahuila de Zaragoza and Durango are hereby declared to constitute an area free from pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).
5. This Decision will remain in effect for 24 months from the date of its entry into force, as set out in the last paragraph of Article 106 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health.
6. The Decision entered into force on 20 December 2018, the day after its publication in the Official Journal.
7. 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.
8. The Decision is available in Spanish at:  
[http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5546961&fecha=20/12/2018](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5546961&fecha=20/12/2018).