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**DECLARATION OF AREAS FREE FROM LARGE AVOCADO SEED WEEVILS,
SMALL AVOCADO SEED WEEVILS AND AVOCADO SEED MOTHS**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 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, the Government of Mexico hereby notifies the Decision declaring the municipalities of Jala and Santa María del Oro in the state of Nayarit to be areas free from large avocado seed weevils (*Heilipus lauri*), small avocado seed weevils (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and avocado seed moths (*Stenoma catenifer*).
 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 (SENASICA), 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 avocados in connection with the presence of large avocado seed weevils (*Heilipus lauri*), small avocado seed weevils (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and avocado seed moths (*Stenoma catenifer*);
 4. The municipalities of Jala and Santa María del Oro in the state of Nayarit are hereby declared to be areas free of large avocado seed weevils (*Heilipus lauri*), small avocado seed weevils (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and avocado seed moths (*Stenoma catenifer*).
 5. 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.
 6. The Decision entered into force on 21 December 2018, the day of 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=5547064&fecha=21/12/2018.
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