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**PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION
INTO MEXICO OF POLISHED RICE (*ORYZA SATIVA*)
ORIGINATING IN AND COMING FROM BRAZIL**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, received on 2 July 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, which provides that Members shall notify changes in their sanitary or phytosanitary measures and shall provide information on their sanitary or phytosanitary measures in accordance with the provisions of Annex B, the Government of Mexico hereby makes known, as of 7 June 2019, the phytosanitary requirements for the importation into Mexico of polished rice (*Oryza sativa*) originating in and coming from Brazil.
 2. 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 protect agricultural, aquaculture and livestock resources from pests and diseases of quarantine importance and to regulate and promote the implementation and certification of risk reduction systems for food contamination and agri-food quality so as to facilitate domestic and international trade in vegetable and animal products.
 3. The phytosanitary requirements for the importation into Mexico of polished rice (*Oryza sativa*) originating in and coming from Brazil are available in Spanish on the following website: <https://sistemasssl.senasica.gob.mx/mcrfi>.
 4. No effective period is provided for the requirements, but they will be subject to change if quarantine pests for Mexico are detected.
 5. The requirements have been established to facilitate trade in light of the declaration made by the States parties to the Pacific Alliance Framework Agreement and the MERCOSUR States parties, signatories to the Treaty of Asunción, in Puerto Vallarta on 24 July 2018.
 6. 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.
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