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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, received on 23 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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1. Decision under which the Agroecological Area of El Aguacate, in the communities of El Aguacate and San Antonio de las Texas in the municipality of Coyuca de Catalán, the communities of La Sierrita, Las Juntitas, La Ola and La Finquita in the municipality of Técpan de Galeana and the community of Las Chivas in the municipality of Petatlán, all located in the state of Guerrero, are declared to be areas free from the large avocado seed weevil (*Heilipus lauri*), the small avocado seed weevil (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and the avocado seed moth (*Stenomoma catenifer*).

2. The phytosanitary measures to be taken to maintain and protect the areas free from avocado seed weevils are set out in Article 107 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health; points 4, 4.4.4, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.53, 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-066-FITO-2002 (Specifications for the phytosanitary management and movement of avocados); and point 4.4(c), (d) and (f) of Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 (Establishment and recognition of pest-free areas).

3. The purpose of taking the above measures is to ensure that the Agroecological Area of Aguacate, in the communities of El Aguacate and San Antonio de las Texas in the municipality of Coyuca de Catalán, the communities of La Sierrita, Las Juntitas, La Ola and La Finquita in the municipality of Técpan de Galeana and the community of Las Chivas in the municipality of Petatlán, all located in the state of Guerrero, do not lose their pest-free area status for one of the reasons listed in Article 108 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health or point 4.5.1 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 (Establishment and recognition of pest-free areas).

4. The notified Decision will remain in effect for 24 months from the date of entry into force, as set out in the final paragraph of Article 106 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health.

5. Decisions are available for consultation in Spanish from the Mexican National Enquiry Point ([cesar.orozco@economia.gob.mx](mailto:cesar.orozco@economia.gob.mx), [tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx](mailto:tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx), [jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx](mailto:jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx)) and online at: [https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5600856&fecha=21/09/2020](https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5600856&fecha=21/09/2020).

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