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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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.

1. Decision under which the municipalities of Morelia, Zitácuaro, Tzintzuntzan and Morelos in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo, and the Agroecological Area of Miahuatlán in the municipality of Ixtapan del Oro, the Agroecological Area of Loma-Cruz de Piedra in the municipality of Coatepec Harinas and the Agroecological Area of Cruz Verde-Los Berros Cuentla in the municipality of San Simón de Guerrero, all in the state of Mexico, 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, 4.5.3, 4.8.1, 4.8.2, 4.8.3 and 4.8.4 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-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 municipalities of Morelia, Zitácuaro, Tzintzuntzan and Morelos in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo, and the Agroecological Area of Miahuatlán in the municipality of Ixtapan del Oro, Agroecological Area of Loma-Cruz de Piedra in the municipality of Coatepec Harinas and the Agroecological Area of Cruz Verde-Los Berros Cuentla in the municipality of San Simón de Guerrero, all in the state of Mexico, do not lose their pest-free area status for one of the reasons listed in Article 108, paragraphs I and III, 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, tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx, jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx) and online at:

https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5600854&fecha=21/09/2020.
