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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 24 November 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Decision under which the municipalities of Acuatizó, Angangueo, Apatzingán, Ario de Rosales, Charapan, Churumuco, Cotija de la Paz, Erongarícuaro, Gabriel Zamora, Hidalgo, Huiramba, Irímbo, Jiménez, Juárez, Los Reyes, Madero, Nuevo Parangaricutiro, Ocampo, Parícuaro, Pátzcuaro, Peribán de Ramos, Purépero, Quiroga, Salvador Escalante, Tacámbaro, Tancítaro, Tangamandapio, Taretán, Tingambato, Tingüindín, Tlazazalca, Tocumbo, Turicato, Tuxpan, Uruapan, Zacapu and Ziracuaretiro in the federative entity of Michoacán de Ocampo; the municipalities of Arandas, Concepción de Buenos Aires, Gómez Farías, La Manzanilla de la Paz, Mazamitla, San Gabriel, Sayula, Tapalpa, Valle de Guadalupe, Valle de Juárez, Zapotiltic and Zapotlán el Grande in the federative entity of Jalisco; the municipalities of Donato Guerra, Temascaltepec and Villa de Allende in the federative entity of the State of Mexico; the municipalities of Jala, San Pedro Lagunillas, Santa María del Oro, Tepic and Xalisco in the federative entity of Nayarit; the municipalities of Ocuítuco, Tetela de Volcán, Totolapan, Yecapixtla and Zacualpan de Amilpas in the federative entity of Morelos; the municipalities of Cohuecán, Tianguismanalco and Tochimilco in the federative entity of Puebla; the municipality de Leonardo Bravo in the federative entity of Guerrero; and the Agroecological Area of San Martín y Capulín Redondo in the municipality of Coatepec Harinas in the federative entity of 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 (*Stenomma 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; in points 4 (first paragraph), 4.4.4, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 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 in 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 and Agroecological Areas 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 in point 4.5.1 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 (Establishment and recognition of pest-free areas, in order to avoid losing their pest-free area status).

4. The notified Decision will come into effect on 24 November 2020.

5. The Decision is available for consultation in Spanish from the National Enquiry Point (cesar.orozco@economia.gob.mx, tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx and jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx) and online at: https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5605514&fecha=23/11/2020.