

MEXICO'S IMPORT PROHIBITION OF THAI MILLED RICE

Statement by Thailand at the Meeting of 8-9 November 2000

1. This issue was first raised by Thailand in this Committee in October 1997. Three years have passed, we have made our best effort, multilaterally and bilaterally to find a solution, however ***no progress has been achieved.***
2. There have been times that this matter was close to being resolved, but until today, I must tell you that I am very disappointed by the fact that this matter is still not resolved.
3. We were told that the Mexican Phytosanitary Sub-Committee would meet last July and again in August to consider and answer the observations made to the proposal to eliminate the prohibition of the importation of rice from Thailand. However, until today, ***we have not been informed of the actual state of this matter.***
4. My country is anxious to learn of the actual status of this matter ***due to the great importance it has for Thailand.*** My delegation would be very thankful if the Mexican delegation in this meeting would be kind enough to inform us about the actual state of this matter, especially the expected date of the amendment to the Mexican official standard NOM-028-FITO-1995.
