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## COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 24 May 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Mexican delegation.

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1. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Annex B of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Article 10.3.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Mexican Government hereby reports that the Ministry of the Economy, through the General Directorate of Standards, published the National Standardization Programme for 2004 in Spanish in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 24 May 2004.
  2. Under Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization, the National Standardization Programme for 2004 includes a list of the issues which are to be developed over the year as Mexican official standards ("technical regulations" and "sanitary and phytosanitary measures"), reference standards for government procurement and Mexican standards ("voluntary standards") by the departments and agencies of the Federal Public Administration and registered national standards bodies, respectively.
  3. In particular, the National Standardization Programme for 2004 covers a total of 4771 subject areas; 590 of which correspond to Mexican official standards, 4051 to Mexican standards and 130 to reference standards.
  4. All draft technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures prepared on the basis of this Programme will, in due course, be published in the Mexican Official Journal for public consultation and, where appropriate, notified to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization through the Central Registry of Notifications.
  5. This notification is provided for purposes of transparency and in order to furnish Members with further information on the Mexican regulatory process.
  6. The National Standardization Programme for 2004 is available for consultation in Spanish at the WTO Secretariat (office 1033), on the Web site [www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85](http://www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85) and at the Mexican National Enquiry Point.
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