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Addendum

The following communication, received on 30 April 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to paragraphs 3(a) and 5(a) of Annex B to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Articles 2.9.1 and 10.3.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Government of Mexico hereby reports that the Ministry of the Economy, through the General-Directorate of Standards, published the NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMME for 2013 in Spanish in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 8 April 2013.

2. In accordance with Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and Article 55 of the Regulations thereto, the Technical Secretariat of the National Standardization Commission has adopted the NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMME for 2013, which includes a list of the subjects to be developed for the purpose of preparing, modifying or cancelling Mexican Official Standards ("technical regulations" and "sanitary and phytosanitary measures"), Mexican Standards (voluntary "standards"), and Reference Standards for government procurement, by the departments and agencies of the Federal Public Administration and registered national standards bodies, respectively.

3. All regulations, technical standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures that are prepared, modified or cancelled on the basis of this Programme will in due course be published in the Mexican Official Journal (<http://www.dof.gob.mx/index.php?year=2013&month=04&day=29>) for public consultation and, where appropriate, notified to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, through the Central Registry of Notifications, in accordance with the transparency provisions contained in the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, respectively.

4. This notification is being sent for purposes of transparency and in order to provide Members with further information on the existing regulatory process in Mexico.

5. The **National Standardization Programme for 2013** is available for consultation in Spanish through the Mexican National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx or jesus.figueroa@economia.gobn.mx).
