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COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

Addendum

The following communication, received on 20 September 2018, 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 Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2018, in Spanish, in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 18 September 2018.

2. The General Directorate of Standards of the Ministry of the Economy, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the National Standardization Commission, on the basis of Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization; Articles 55, 56, 57 and 58 of the Regulations to the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization; and Article 22, subparagraphs VIII, XII and XXV of the Internal Regulations of the Ministry of the Economy, considering that the objectives designed to provide the different sectors of industry and commerce with economic and technological stimuli include the promotion of production and the supply of progressively more efficient and higher-quality goods and services that are more competitive on the domestic and international markets;

3. That the National Standardization Programme and its Supplement form the ideal instruments to plan, communicate and coordinate national standardization activities, in both the mandatory and voluntary domains, so that efforts are being made to transform them into a proper tool for public information and outreach in the field of standardization;

4. All regulations, technical standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures that are developed, amended or cancelled 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, in accordance with the transparency provisions contained in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, respectively.

5. This communication is being submitted for purposes of transparency and in order to provide Members with further information on the current regulatory process in Mexico.

6. The Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2018 is available for consultation in Spanish from the Mexican National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx, sofia.pacheco@economia.gob.mx or jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx) and online at:

http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5538196&fecha=18/09/2018
