

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 June 2006, 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 2006 in Spanish in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 12 June 2006.

2. In accordance with Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and Article 55 of the regulations thereto, the National Standardization Programme for 2006 includes a list of the subjects to be developed as Mexican official standards ("technical regulations" and "sanitary and phytosanitary measures"), reference standards for government procurement and Mexican standards ("voluntary technical standards") by the departments and agencies of the Federal Public Administration and registered national standards bodies, respectively.

3. All new materials and/or materials on subjects due for cancellation (draft technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures) that are prepared or revised 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.

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

5. The National Standardization Programme for 2006 is available for consultation in Spanish through the Mexican National Enquiry Point or on the web site <http://www.economia.gob.mx/?P=210>.
