

**PUBLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE  
FEDERAL LAW ON ANIMAL HEALTH IN THE  
OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF 21 MAY 2012**

Communication from Mexico

The following communication, dated 16 July 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. The Government of Mexico hereby notifies that the "Regulations relating to the Law on Animal Health" were published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Official Journal) on 21 May 2012. These Regulations govern matters such as good livestock production practices, epidemiological surveillance, animal health campaigns and quarantine, animal welfare and the requirements applicable to animal movements within the country, the entry of animals into the national territory and their export.
2. This legislation is enforceable throughout the national territory and its application is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), acting through the National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA).
3. The purpose of the Regulations is to regulate the provisions of the Federal Law on Animal Health published in the Official Journal on 25 July 2007.
4. The Regulations, which aim to protect the national herd from pests and diseases, are divided into 11 Titles providing for an emergency national animal health and traceability mechanism, control of products for animal use or consumption, veterinary establishments, activities and services, certification and verification, inspection, safety measures, the official animal health safety service, support bodies, incentives, epidemiological surveillance, risk analysis, as well as complaints from members of the public, appeal for review, infringements and offences.
5. The Regulations will enter into force 90 days after their publication in the Official Journal, i.e. on 19 August 2012.
6. The Regulations are available in Spanish at: <http://www.senasica.gob.mx/?id=4498>.
7. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.