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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures  
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

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**COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO**

The following communication, dated 18 November 2003, is circulated at the request of the Mexican Delegation.

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 **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2003** in Spanish in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 14 November 2003.

2. Under Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and Article 55 of the Regulations thereto, the **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2003** includes a list of the issues which, in addition to those contained in the National Standardization Programme for 2003<sup>1</sup>, are to be developed this 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. All technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures prepared or revised on the basis of this Supplement 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 provided for purposes of transparency and in order to furnish Members with further information on the Mexican regulatory process.

5. The **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2003** is available for consultation in Spanish at the WTO Secretariat (office 1033), from the E-mail address [cidgn@economia.gob.mx](mailto:cidgn@economia.gob.mx) and at the Mexican National Enquiry Point.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Mexican Official Journal of 7 April 2003 and notified to Members of the World Trade Organization in document **G/SPS/GEN/387 - G/TBT/W/204** of 15 April 2003.