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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**AREAS UNDER PHYTOSANITARY CONTROL DUE TO THE
PRESENCE OF THE SPOTTED-WING DROSOPHILA
(*DROSOPHILA SUZUKII MATSUMURA*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 5 March 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and paragraph 3(b) of Annex B thereto, Mexico hereby advises WTO Members that the notice listing the areas under phytosanitary control due to the presence of the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*), i.e. the municipalities of Los Reyes and Ziracuaretiro, Michoacán; Cuauhtémoc, Colima; Amacueca, Gómez Farias, Jocotepec, Zapotiltic, Sayula, Tuxpan and Zapotlán El Grande, Jalisco; Ensenada and Tijuana, Baja California; Asientos, El Llano, Jesús María and Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes; Irapuato, Silao and Abasolo, Guanajuato; and El Oro, Coatepec Harinas, Ixtapan de la Sal, Villa de Allende, Valle de Bravo, Temascaltepec, Donato Guerra and Amanalco, State of Mexico, was published in the Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on 23 February 2015.

2. The notice declares the municipalities of Los Reyes and Ziracuaretiro, Michoacán; Cuauhtémoc, Colima; Amacueca, Gómez Farias, Jocotepec, Zapotiltic, Sayula, Tuxpan and Zapotlán El Grande, Jalisco; Ensenada and Tijuana, Baja California; Asientos, El Llano, Jesús María and Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes; Irapuato, Silao and Abasolo, Guanajuato; and El Oro, Coatepec Harinas, Ixtapan de la Sal, Villa de Allende, Valle de Bravo, Temascaltepec, Donato Guerra and Amanalco, State of Mexico, to be areas under phytosanitary control due to the presence of the spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii Matsumura*), in accordance with the information provided by the National Phytosanitary Reference Centre and the diagnoses carried out by testing laboratories approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food.

3. The notice was published to notify the names of the above-mentioned municipalities under phytosanitary control, with a view to preventing the spread of the pest to other municipalities. It also establishes the phytosanitary measures considered necessary to prevent and control regulated pests that may affect plants and plant products or byproducts imported into, transported within, and exported from Mexico. Such notices declare areas to be under control, or free from or with a low prevalence of pests that affect plants and plant products or byproducts.

4. The notice is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5382979&fecha=23/02/2015, and from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

5. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to Mexico's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
