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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**DECLARATION OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AS A COUNTRY
FREE FROM VELOGENIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 1 July 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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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 Decision declaring the United Mexican States to be a country free from Velogenic Newcastle disease was published in the Mexican Official Journal on 24 June 2015.
 2. The notified Decision declares the United Mexican States to be an area free from Velogenic Newcastle disease, in accordance with the provisions of Mexican Official Standard NOM-013-ZOO-1994 (National Campaign against Velogenic Newcastle disease), which is binding throughout national territory and establishes the procedures, activities, criteria, strategies and operational techniques for the diagnosis, prevention, control and eradication of the disease.
 3. The Decision was published in order to declare the United Mexican States to be an area free from Velogenic Newcastle disease. Accordingly, as of its entry into force, the Mexican Government will repeal Mexican Official Standard NOM-013-ZOO-1994 (National Campaign against Velogenic Newcastle disease), published in the Mexican Official Journal on 28 February 1995.
 4. The Decision is available in Spanish at <http://www.dof.gob.mx> and http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5397875&fecha=24/06/2015 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.
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