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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**DECLARATION OF AREA FREE FROM LARGE AVOCADO SEED WEEVILS (*HEILIPUS LAURI*),
SMALL AVOCADO SEED WEEVILS (*CONOTRACHELUS AGUACATAE* AND
C. PERSEAE) AND AVOCADO SEED MOTHS (*STENOMA CATENIFER*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 21 May 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Decision declaring the municipality of Taxco de Alarcón in the State of Guerrero to be an area free from the large avocado seed weevil (*Heilipus lauri*), the small avocado seed weevil (*Conotrachelus aguacatae* and *C. perseae*) and the avocado seed moth (*Stenoma catenifer*).

2. The phytosanitary measures to be taken to maintain and protect the area free from avocado seed weevils are set out in Article 107 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health; points 4, 4.4.4, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 4.8.1, 4.8.2, 4.8.3 and 4.8.4 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-066-FITO-2002 (Specifications for the phytosanitary management and movement of avocados); and point 4.4(c), (d) and (f) of Mexican Official Standard NOM-069-FITO-1995 (Establishment and recognition of pest-free areas).

3. The notified Decision will remain in effect for 24 months from the date of entry into force, as set out in the last paragraph of Article 106 of the Regulations implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health.

4. Decisions are available for consultation in Spanish from the Mexican National Enquiry Point (cesar.orozco@economia.gob.mx, jose.ramosr@economia.gob.mx) and tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx, online at: https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5593449&fecha=18/05/2020
