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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF JALISCO AS AN AREA FREE FROM AUJESZKY'S DISEASE

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 16 January 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Mexico</u>.

- 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 State of Jalisco to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease was published in Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de al Federación*) on 5 January 2015.
- 2. The Decision declares the State of Jalisco, in which epidemiological surveillance activities confirm the absence of the etiological agent of Aujeszky's disease, to be an area free from Aujeszky's disease, and states that the sanitary measures pertaining to diagnosis, prevention, control, epidemiological surveillance, movement control, transport, transit, marketing and swine traceability found in points 5.4, 10.4, 11, 14.5, 14.9, 14.13, 14.14, 14.15, 14.16, 14.17 and 14.18 of the Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-007-ZOO-1994 on the national campaign against Aujeszky's disease and in the relevant regulations currently in force, published in the Mexican Official Journal of 19 September 1994, and the amendment thereto of 15 August 1996, shall be applied.
- 3. The Decision is being published in order to guarantee that the State of Jalisco remains free from Aujeszky's disease, and that the declaration will favour the marketing of swine and swine products and byproducts from this State, which will have a positive impact on the promotion of swine production in the area.
- 4. The decision is available in Spanish at: $\frac{http://www.dof.gob.mx}{http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5378012&fecha=05/01/2015}, \text{ or from the National Enquiry Point } (\underbrace{normasomc@economia.gob.mx}).$
- 5. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.