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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**AREAS FREE OF PINK BOLLWORM  
(*PECTINOPHORA GOSSYPIELLA*)**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, received on 31 October 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the Government of Mexico hereby reports that, on 25 October 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food published, in the Mexican Official Journal, a Decision declaring certain federative entities and a municipality within the national territory to be free of pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).

2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food, through its decentralized administrative body, the National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service, is responsible, in terms of plant health, for declaring areas free of pests or diseases on the basis of the results of sampling in specific geographical areas and the proven certainty that no plant pests are present.

3. The federative entities of Chihuahua, Sonora and Baja California, and the municipality of Sierra Mojada in Coahuila have been declared areas free of pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).

4. The aforementioned Decision will be valid for 24 months, in accordance with the last paragraph of Article 106 of the Regulation implementing the Federal Law on Plant Health.

5. The Decision entered into force on 26 October 2018.

6. This communication is being submitted for purposes of transparency and in order to provide Members with further information on the current regulatory process in Mexico.

7. The Decision may be consulted in Spanish at:  
[http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5542033&fecha=25/10/2018](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5542033&fecha=25/10/2018).

8. Any comments may be sent to the National Enquiry Point:

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