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SELF-DECLARATION AS A COUNTRY HISTORICALLY FREE FROM GLANDERS

COMMUNICATION BY MEXICO

The following communication, dated 29 August 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of \underline{Mexico} .

1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures on the subject of regional conditions, including pest- or disease-free areas or areas of low pest or disease prevalence, and in keeping with the principle of transparency, we hereby notify the "Self-declaration by Mexico as a as a country historically free from Glanders", recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on 13 June 2019.

2. The authority responsible for the self-declaration is the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER), acting through the National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA).

3. WTO Members are asked to use this Self-declaration as a reference in their commercial dealings with respect to livestock products from Mexico.

4. 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.

5. The document is available at:

- <u>http://www.oie.int/es/sanidad-animal-en-el-mundo/autodeclaracion-de-estatus-para-una-enfermedad;</u>
- <u>https://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/esp/Animal_Health_in_the_World/docs/pdf/Self-</u> <u>declarations/2019_07_Mex_Muermo.pdf</u>.
