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Addendum

The following communication, received on 23 September 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to paragraphs 3(a) and 5(a) of Annex B to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Articles 2.9.1 and 10.3.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Government of Mexico hereby reports that the Ministry of the Economy, through the General Directorate of Standards, published the **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2013** in Spanish in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Mexican Official Journal) on 23 September 2013.

2. In accordance with Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and Article 55 of the Regulations thereto, the General Directorate of Standards, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the National Standardization Commission, adopted the Supplement to the National Standardization Programme, which includes a list of the subjects in respect of which the departments and agencies of the Federal Public Administration and registered national standards bodies are going to develop, amend or cancel Mexican Official Standards ("technical regulations" and "sanitary and phytosanitary measures"), Mexican Standards (voluntary "standards"), and Reference Standards for government procurement.

3. All regulations, technical standards and sanitary and phytosanitary measures that are developed, amended or cancelled on the basis of this Supplement to the Programme will in due course be published in the Mexican Official Journal for public consultation and, where appropriate, notified to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, through the Central Registry of Notifications, in accordance with the transparency provisions contained in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, respectively.

4. This notification 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 **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme for 2013** is available for consultation in Spanish from the Mexican National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx or jesus.figueroa@economia.gob.mx).
