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## **COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO**

## Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 November 2004, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

- 1. Pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 5(a) of Annex B of 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 2004** in Spanish in the Official Journal of the Federation on 10 November 2004.
- 2. Under Article 61-A of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and Article 55 of the Regulations thereto, the **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme 2004** includes a list of the issues which, in addition to those contained in the National Standardization Programme 2004<sup>1</sup>, are to be developed this year as Mexican official standards ("technical regulations" and "sanitary and phytosanitary measures"), reference standards for government procurement and Mexican standards ("voluntary standards") by the departments and agencies of the federal public administration and registered national standards bodies, respectively. In particular, the **Supplement** includes a total of 191 issues, consisting of 53 Mexican official standards, 55 reference standards and 83 Mexican standards.
- 3. All technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures prepared or revised on the basis of this Supplement will, in due course, be published in the Official Journal of the Federation for public consultation and, where appropriate, notified to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization through the Central Registry of Notifications.
- 4. This notification is provided for the purposes of transparency and in order to furnish Members with further information on the Mexican regulatory process.
- 5. The **Supplement to the National Standardization Programme 2004** is available for consultation in Spanish at the WTO Secretariat (office 1033), from the e-mail address <a href="mailto:cidgn@economia.gob.mx">cidgn@economia.gob.mx</a> and at the Mexican National Enquiry Point.

<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 24 May 2004 and notified to Members of the World Trade Organization in documents **G/SPS/GEN/491** and **G/TBT/GEN/7**, both dated 7 June 2004.