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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>MEXICO</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación</i> (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Products of plant origin.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Proyecto de Modificación de la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-022-FITO-1995, Requisitos y especificaciones que deben de cumplir las personas morales para la prestación de servicios de tratamientos fitosanitarios, para quedar como Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-022-SAG/FITO-2016, Especificaciones, criterios y procedimientos fitosanitarios para las personas físicas o morales que presten servicios de tratamientos fitosanitarios</i> (Draft amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-022-FITO-1995: Requirements and specifications to be met by legal persons for the provision of phytosanitary treatment services, the title of which has changed to Mexican Official Standard NOM-022-SAG/FITO-2016: Specifications, criteria and phytosanitary procedures for natural and legal persons providing phytosanitary treatment services) <b>Language(s):</b> Spanish <b>Number of pages:</b> 14 <a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5472795&amp;fecha=23/02/2017">http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5472795&amp;fecha=23/02/2017</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MEX/17_1125_00_s.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MEX/17_1125_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Mexican Official Standard NOM-022-FITO-1995 is being amended to take into account current circumstances and needs regarding the national verification and certification process for products of plant origin. It describes the phytosanitary measures to be applied by companies providing phytosanitary treatment services and by Ministry support bodies in order to reduce the risk of quarantine pests being introduced and spread via international trade movements, movements within the country, or exported goods.  The notified text updates domestic legislation so as to ensure the proper certification of regulated goods. It also seeks to mitigate the risk of introducing non-compliant goods, to facilitate the movement of products of plant origin destined for free zones or low-prevalence zones, and to reduce operating costs relating to the application of phytosanitary treatments.  The National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA), as the competent authority, has specific responsibilities regarding the control and regulation not only of companies providing phytosanitary treatment services, but of the services themselves. It carries out inspections (random documentation checks and physical inspections in places at risk) aimed at treatment users and providers.

<p>The notified Standard establishes the registration procedure, requirements relating to infrastructure, materials and equipment, and the conformity assessment and certification procedure for treatment companies. It also includes critical points relating to different types of treatment, and specifications in this regard covered by the "Phytosanitary treatment manual".</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> General Standard for Irradiated Foods (CODEX STAN 106-1983)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 April 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p><i>Dirección General de Sanidad Vegetal del Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria</i> (Directorate-General of Plant Health, National Agriculture and Food Health, Safety and Quality Service)</p> <p>Avenida Boulevard Adolfo Ruíz Cortines 5010, Colonia Insurgentes Cuicuilco, Delegación Coyoacán, Ciudad de México, Código Postal 04530</p> <p>Email: luis.espinoza@senasica.gob.mx and supervision.dgsv@senasica.gob.mx</p>
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