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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>MEXICO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación</i> (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food)
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): Organic agricultural products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Acuerdo por el que se modifica el artículo segundo transitorio del similar por el que se dan a conocer los lineamientos para la operación orgánica de las actividades agropecuarias, publicado el 29 de octubre de 2013</i> (Decision amending the second transitional article of the Decision Notifying Guidelines for Organic Agricultural Activities, published on 29 October 2013) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 2 http://senasica.gob.mx/?id=2543 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/MEX/16_2233_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: Pursuant to the second transitional article of the Decision Notifying Guidelines for Organic Agricultural Activities, operators certified under voluntary schemes shall, upon the date of this Decision's entry into force, bring themselves into compliance with its provisions and obtain the respective organic certification within a maximum period of 12 months, i.e. by April 2015. Section V of Article 258 of the Decision Notifying Guidelines for Organic Agricultural Activities establishes that imported products from countries that have equivalent regulations and control systems, or which are certified by certification bodies approved by the Ministry, may be marketed as organic on the domestic market. Given that Mexico is currently addressing the equivalence of the national control system, trade flows would be affected, as, from 30 April 2015 onwards, it would not be possible to market imported organic products on the domestic market without them being re-certified, which would give rise to an increase in their cost and price for the industrial sector, traders and consumers.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM No.</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 8 May 2015</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 8 May 2015</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 8 May 2015</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dirección General de Normas Av. Puente de Tecamachalco 6, Piso 2, Lomas de Tecamachalco Sección Fuentes, C.P. 53950 Naucalpan de Juárez, Estado de México Tel.: (+52 55) 5729 9100 Email: normasomc@economia.gob.mx Website: http://www.senasica.gob.mx/?id=5145</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dirección General de Normas Av. Puente de Tecamachalco 6, Piso 2, Lomas de Tecamachalco Sección Fuentes, C.P. 53950 Naucalpan de Juárez, Estado de México Tel.: (+52 55) 5729 9100 Email: normasomc@economia.gob.mx Website: http://www.senasica.gob.mx/?id=5145</p>