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Mexico Publishes Official Mexican Standard

Establishing Campaign Against Coffee Berry Borer

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Report Highlights:

On April 18, 2001, Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs Published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) the final Official Mexican Standard NOM-002-FITO-2000 establishing the Campaign Against the Coffee Berry Borer.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Mexico [MX1], MX

Introduction: This report summarizes a Oficial Mexican Standard published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on April 18, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA) announced in the "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) the Oficial Mexican Standard, NOM-002-FITO-2000, establishing the Campaign Against the Coffee Berry Borer. The NOM applies to all who produce, manufacture, process or market these products. A summary of the key points follows below.

Title: Oficial Mexican Standard, NOM-002-FITO-2000, Campaign Against the Coffee Berry Borer.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates:

1. **Publication Date:** April 18, 2001
2. **Implementation Date:** April 19, 2001

Products Affected: Coffee beans, Coffee bean husks, Coffee pulp, Coffee plants or parts thereof.

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA)

Background

Other official Mexican Norms that have to be considered in conjunction with this Norm are:

- NOM-019-FITO-1995 (Dec.10,1996)
- NOM-022-FITO-1995 (Jan. 2,1997)
- NOM-037-FITO-1995 (Apr. 23, 1997)
- NOM-069-FITO-1995 (Nov. 18, 1998)

The objective of the Norm is to prevent, destroy, control and reduce the coffee berry borer (*Hypothenemus hampei* Ferrari) in Mexico's coffee crops.

The following Phytosanitary regulations apply to the areas where the coffee berry borer has been detected and previously analyzed by the competent state government authorities and SAGARPA.

- a) Identification, diagnoses and sample recollection shall be done based on approved SAGARPA methodology and sent to an approved laboratory to be analyzed.
- b) Management of the pest will be done locally based on specific characteristics of the area. Sampling should be performed based on host species and will be determined by research institutions and validated by the technical committees of the Auxiliary Plant Health Organisms. Cultural practices will also be established based on the host.
- c) Destruction of the crop can be performed when SAGARPA determines there is a phytosanitary risk concerning the dissemination of the pest.
- d) Biological control of coffee berry borer can be done through predators: *Cephalonomia stephanoderis* or the pathogen *Beauveria bassiana*, The use of any biological control has to be done together with SAGARPA's Auxiliary Plant Health Organisms.
- e) Chemical control of the coffee berry borer can only be done according to CICOPLAFEST authorized products and dosis. Direct supervision by the technical committees of Auxiliary Plant Health Organisms shall be done to avoid inappropriate use of chemicals.

Growers must request SAGARPA officials or approved verification units to certify that the cultural practices and other regulations established in the Norm as follows.

Verification officers will fill out formats SV-01 for every grower per growing cycle concerning the cultural practices performed in accordance with this Norm.

The official Norm permits SAGARPA's regional offices and committees to establish sampling procedures, cultural practices, etc., according to characteristics of the region and crop.

The international sanitary certificate will be issued by SAGARPA at the place of origin, with the support of the results from approved verification units implementing the campaign against the coffee berry borer (SV-02).

SAGAR or approved verification units will verify compliance with this regulation. In addition, interested parties may request that verification units verify that establishments comply with the requirements contained in this NOM.

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Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagar.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.secofi.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained on the mentioned sites.