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Mexico Announces a Procedure to Update the PROCAMPO Directory

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Report Highlights:

On November 7, 2003 the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's "Federal Register") a Program to update the PROCAMPO Directory. This Program will focus on farmers with producing areas between one and five hectares, who have not previously signed up to PROCAMPO payments.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on November 7, 2003.

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: On November 7, 2003, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs published in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's "Federal Register") a Program to update the PROCAMPO support program directory. The objective of this Program is to incorporate agricultural growers who were not incorporated in the PROCAMPO support program during the second signup in 1995, despite the fact that they were eligible. The Program will be focused on farmers with producing areas between one and five hectares and should help to improve income for these framers.

Title: Procedure for the upgrade of PROCAMPO's directory.

Type of Rule: Operational

Agency in Charge: SAGARPA

Type of Regulation: Operational

Important Dates

1. **Publication Date:** November 7, 2003
2. **Effective Date:** November 7, 2003
3. **Start of Public Comment Period:** N/A — Administrative Announcement
4. **End of Public Comment Period:** N/A -- Administrative Announcement

Eligible Commodities: Corn, dry beans, wheat, rice, sorghum, soybean, safflower, cotton and barley destined for use as grain are eligible. (NOTE: Other products may be eligible if the grower had planted the above-mentioned crops during the spring/summer and fall/winter planting seasons of 1990/91, 1991/92, and 1992/93.)

Background

SAGARPA initiated the PROCAMPO program in October 1993 to facilitate the transition to more market oriented policies from the previous system of guaranteed prices. It provides direct cash payments at planting time on a per hectare basis to growers of the basic grains and oilseeds listed above. These payments will remain constant in real terms until the fall/winter 2005/06 planting cycle when they will begin decreasing in linear terms (See MX0068 and MX3028). During 1994 and 1995, SAGARPA gave the opportunity to sign-up to those growers that didn't register in PROCAMPO initially. Currently, the eligible growers figure is of 2.8 millions farmers with 13.9 million hectares. In light of the recent National Agriculture debate (See MX3067), this appears to be an effort to ensure that all of Mexico's smaller producers have an opportunity to receive PROCAMPO payments.