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Report Name: Mexico Notifies Revised NOM-187 to the WTO and Opens 60-day Comment Period

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Report Highlights:

On July 28, 2023, the Government of Mexico (GOM) notified a revised NOM-187 to the World Trade Organization and opened a 60-day comment period. NOM-187 establishes the sanitary and commercial requirements for products made from nixtamalized corn and for the establishments that produce these products. The proposed changes include a ban on genetically engineered (GE) corn in nixtamalized products. The standard applies to both domestic and imported products, excluding snacks.

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General Information

Since 2021, the Government of Mexico (GOM) has been undertaking revisions to the Official Standard NOM-187-SSA1/SCFI-2002, which sets the required sanitary and commercial specifications for products made from nixtamalized corn (e.g., flour, tortillas, tostadas) and for the establishments that produce them. On July 28, 2023, the GOM notified to the WTO a revised NOM-187. A previous draft revised NOM-187 was published on February 15, 2022 and notified to the WTO as [G/TBT/N/MEX/507](#) on February 17, 2022. Additional information is available in GAIN reports [MX2022-0008](#), [MX2022-0019](#), [MX2023-0036](#), and [MX2023-0037](#).

- The WTO notification opens a comment period of 60 days, beginning on July 28, 2023.
- Section 7.1.1 of the revised NOM-187 specifically bans the use of GE corn in the nixtamalization process.
- The amendment does not set tolerance limits nor establish how traceability will be implemented.
- NOM-187 applies to both domestic and imported products.

Attachments:

[WTO Notification G-TBT-N-MEX-507-Add.3.pdf](#)