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Potato Imports

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Post: Mexico City

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Report Highlights:

On Saturday, November 6, Mexico's National Service for Agricultural Health, Food Safety, and Agri-Quality (SENASICA) published on its website the Phytosanitary Requirement Sheet (HRF by its Spanish acronym) for U.S. potato imports to the entirety of Mexico. This report provides a courtesy translation of the Requirement Sheet. Disclaimer: The publication of the HRF does not allow for immediate importation of U.S. potatoes to the entirety of Mexico. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this translation and the HRF or other official communications as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.



NATIONAL SERVICE OF HEALTH, SAFETY AND AGRI-FOOD QUALITY
DIRECTORATE OF PLANT HEALTH
DIRECTORATE OF PHYTOSANITARY REGULATION



PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT MEASURES

Based on article 3°, 6°, 7° fraction XVIII, 19° fraction I, clause E, fraction. IV and 24° of the Federal Law of Plant Health, 54, 55 and Ninth transitory of the Regulation of the Federal Law of Plant Health and in accordance with the resolutions issued by the First Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, within the injunctions in review 108/2019, 109/2019 and 598/2020 in which the constitutionality of the legal provisions for the importation of potatoes for consumption and industrial use was recognized and determined: That it corresponds to the Executive to set the guidelines for potato imports, as contemplated in the Regulations of the Federal Plant Health Law and that it is the Ministry of Agriculture through SENASICA, the technical authority to whom it corresponds to implement phytosanitary measures in balance with trade policy.

It is that the combination key is activated in order to carry out the importation of fresh potatoes for consumption and industrial use originating and coming from the United States to the entire National territory.

DATA OF THE COMBINATION TO BE IMPORTED	
MERCHANDISE:	Potato (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>)
TYPE OF PRODUCT:	Fresh
USE:	CONSUMER AND/OR INDUSTRIAL
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	U.S.A.
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Service Free

COMBINATION:
2064-112-4525-USA-USA

MEASUREMENTS

Phytosanitary measures

1.- FRESH POTATOES FOR CONSUMPTION.

1.1 Shipments must comply with the "Operational Work Plan for Export of Fresh Potatoes for Consumption or Processing from the United States to Mexico".

1.2 Have a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by officials authorized by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which must include the packer number, the seal number of the shipment under the distinguishing marks section, the strap number and must indicate in the additional declaration section the following:

"This shipment has been inspected and found free from the regulated pests listed in the Work Plan. This shipment originated from certified seed and did not originate from quarantine areas in the States of New York and Idaho for *Globodera pallida* and *Globodera rostochiensis*, as applicable."

1.3 Commercial packers must be registered with APHIS.

1.4 Potatoes must be brushed, washed, sorted and free of soil.

1.5 In the United States, shipments must be treated with a germination inhibitor authorized by APHIS or its authorized agencies; the treatment must be included on the Phytosanitary Certificate.

1.6 Fresh potatoes must be packed for export to Mexico in packages of 20 pounds (9.09 kg) or less, identified with traceability data. The packages must be labeled with the following legend "This product must not be used for planting".

1.7 Shipments must be sealed at the inspection point.

1.8 Phytosanitary inspection and sampling at point of entry into Mexico by SENASICA official personnel, samples must be sent to approved laboratories or to the laboratories of the National Center of Phytosanitary Reference for phytosanitary diagnosis of nematodes, bacteria, and insects.

1.9 During phytosanitary inspection at packing houses and at the point of entry, shipments of tubers with regulated pests, soil, sprouts or without traceability information will be rejected.



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2.- FRESH POTATOES FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING.

2.1 Fresh potatoes intended for industrial processing shall meet the requirements established for fresh potatoes for consumption, with the following exceptions:

- 2.1.1. Shipments are not required to be packed in packages of 9.09 kg or less;
- 2.1.2. Shipments do not require treatment with inhibitors, and
- 2.1.3. Shipments must be free of soil, at the same level of cleanliness obtained by washing.

3.- Authorized entry points

- Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
- Tijuana, Baja California
- Nogales, Sonora
- Reynosa, Tamaulipas
- Mexicali, Baja California
- Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico
- San Luis Río Colorado, Sonora

The first four points of entry will operate from the entry into force of these requirements; unless there is evidence that the necessary infrastructure is lacking, SENASICA will approve two new ports of entry annually, starting in the first year of implementation of the corresponding Work Plan.

These phytosanitary requirements are derived from the "Pest Risk Analysis for the importation of fresh potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.), for intended use, human consumption and industrial processing, from the United States of America to Mexico", which is available on the SENASICA website (<http://www.gob.mx/senasica>).

AUTHORIZED POINT(S) OF ENTRY(S)

Attachments:

No Attachments.
