NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MEXICO  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación* (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):** Polished rice (*Oryza sativa*) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de grano de arroz pulido (Oryza sativa) originario y procedente de Guyana* (Phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Mexico of polished rice (*Oryza sativa*) originating in and coming from Guyana) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/MEX/18_1268_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Pursuant to the Decision establishing the module of phytosanitary requirements for the importation of goods regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food, in relation to plant health (*Acuerdo por el que se establece el módulo de requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de mercancías reguladas por la Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación, en materia de sanidad vegetal*), published in the Mexican Official Journal on 7 February 2012, the phytosanitary requirements for the importation into Mexico of polished rice (*Oryza sativa*) originating in and coming from Guyana have been established on the basis of a pest risk analysis. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM No.*):**  **[X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** To be determined.  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 7 May 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria*, SENASICA (National Agrifood Health, Safety and Quality Service). Email rene.hernandez@senasica.gob.mx with a copy to medidasfito.dgsv@senasica.gob.mx. Comments should be supported by technical and/or scientific evidence. |
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