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## Mexico

### Poultry and Products

### Provisional Safeguard on Chicken Leg Quarters

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**Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Economy published on November 22, 2003, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) a decree imposing provisional bilateral safeguard measures on imported U.S. chicken leg quarters.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on January 22, 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:** The Secretariat of Economy (SE) published on January 22, 2003, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), a decree imposing provisional bilateral safeguard measures on imported U.S. chicken leg quarters, classified under tariffs 0207.13.03 and 0207.14.04. SE established a 98.8 percent duty on U.S. chicken leg quarter imports to Mexico, and also established a minimum TRQ of 50,000 MT that will be in effect for six months. SE has yet to established how this TRQ will be administered. Industry sources indicate, however, that this TRQ will be administered as in 2001, by direct allocation to the border region and northern border line. The decree indicates that the safeguard and the TRQ were established with the objective to maintain a certain degree of protection equivalent to the protections that were in place in 2001.

**Title:** Decree by which SE imposes provisional bilateral safeguard measures on imported U.S. chicken leg quarters, classified under tariffs 0207.13.03 and 0207.14.04 of the General Import and Export Tax Tariff Law, independently of the country of origin.

#### **Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** January 22, 2003

**2. Effective Date:** January 23, 2003

**Background:** The SE published on November 22, 2002, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), the Resolution accepting the request of the Mexican Poultry Association (UNA), and beginning the investigation of bilateral safeguard measures on imported U.S. chicken leg quarters. Since this is a long process, the provisional safeguard measures are designed to protect the domestic industry during the investigation (MX2166). UNA indicated that such a level of protection is required to enable the poultry industry to further develop and better compete with imports of U.S. chicken.

#### **Definitions:**

**The northern border line is defined as** -- The Mexican territory between the international line with the United States and a 20 km parallel line from the International limit, including a portion of the state of Sonora and the Gulf of Mexico, and the municipality of Cananea, Sonora.

**The border region is defined as** -- Includes the states of Baja California, Baja California sur, Quintana Roo and a portion of the state of Sonora; the southern border region along with Guatemala and the municipalities of Comitan de Dominguez, Chiapas and Salina Cruz, Oaxaca.

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