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Import Criteria to Import HFCS into Mexico

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Report Highlights:

On March 20, 2003, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) the criteria for issuing import permits for U.S. high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) under certain H.T.S categories.

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 March 20, 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 March 20, 2003, in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), an announcement establishing the criteria for issuing import permits for final imports of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) from the United States.

1.- H.T.S. 1702.50.01.- Permits for final imports into Mexico of this product must be requested from the SE. If all documents are in order, the permit will be authorized in no more than 10 working days from the date the document is received. Final import permits will expire within 30 calendar days, and the volume of each individual permit is not to exceed 3,600 metric tons. Subsequent permits will be issued when the company has completely imported the total volume previously authorized and when the previous permit has expired. The SE is allowing this specific product (i.e., H.T.S. 1702.50.01) to be imported as there is no Mexican domestic production and the product cannot be substituted with sugar.

2.- H.T.S. 1702.40.99, 1702.60.01, 1702.60.02, 1702.60.99.- Among other concerns, the announcement states that since the U.S. Government has not complied with the conditions of access for the Mexican sugar established under NAFTA, and until the necessary conditions exist, the SE will not publish the criteria to issue import permit for the products under these H.T.S. categories. However, temporary import permits for these products will continue to be issued automatically.

3.- H.T.S. 1702.90.99.- Import permits for this product will continue to be authorized automatically.

Title: Decree establishing the criteria for SE to issue import permits for the importation of HFCS from the United States.

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