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Extended

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Report Highlights:

The extension for imports of organic raw materials entering Mexico to comply with the Organic Products Law (LPO) is official policy as of June 16, 2021. U.S. organic certifiers and exporters of organic raw material to Mexico will have until January 1, 2022 to certify under the LPO or risk adverse actions by the competent authorities. This report serves as a general alert. Questions about Mexico's LPO and organic program should be directed to the National Food Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA).

As reported in [FAS GAIN MX2021-0025](#), in May 2021, Mexico published its intent to extend the compliance deadline for imported U.S. organic raw materials at ports of entry. On June 16, 2021, the extension became official policy through its [publication in the *Diario Oficial*](#) (Federal Gazette). The extension applies to imported organic products as listed by HS code in [the Measure dated December 2020](#); for more details on [the Measure](#) see [FAS GAIN MX2021-0023](#).

The June 16, 2021 extension enacts the following:

[As posted in Spanish] *ARTÍCULO ÚNICO.- Se modifica el artículo Cuarto Transitorio del Acuerdo que establece las mercancías cuya importación está sujeta a regulación por parte de la Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural, así como la emisión del certificado de origen para la exportación de café, publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 26 de diciembre de 2020, para quedar en los términos siguientes:
"CUARTO.- Lo dispuesto en el artículo Séptimo entrará en vigor a partir del 1 de enero de 2022."*

[Courtesy Translation to English] *SOLE ARTICLE.- The Fourth Transitory Article of the [Agreement that establishes the merchandise whose importation is subject to regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development](#) is modified, as well as the issuance of the certificate of origin for the export of coffee, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on December 26, 2020, to the following terms:
"FOURTH.- The provisions of Article Seven shall enter into force as of January 1, 2022."*

U.S. organic certifiers and organic exporters to Mexico must continue working with SADER to become certified to the LPO standards well in advance of January 2022. For questions and concerns regarding Mexico's organic certification and commercialization, contact SADER staff by email at info.orgánicos@senasica.gob.mx or by telephone at (+52) 55 5905 1000, ext. 51509, 51523, or 51532. For presentations and other resources on Mexico's organics program please visit [SENASICA's website](#).

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Attachments:

[June 16, 2021 - POE Organics Extension - DOF - Diario Oficial de la Federación.pdf](#)