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Report Highlights:

Errata: The version of this report issued on May 9, 2023, with the title "Mexico Amends the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture," is replaced by this corrected report that provides a revised summary and background of a recent Government of Mexico (GOM) announcement regarding Mexico's organic program. On May 2, 2023, the GOM published in the Diario Oficial (Mexico's Federal Register) the annual update to the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture. The changes update the list of substances and materials permitted under Mexico's certified organic production program.

Summary

On May 2, 2023, the Government of Mexico (GOM) published in the *Diario Oficial* (DOF – Mexico's Federal Register) the annual update to Annex 1 of the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture. Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture is required to publish an updated National List on an annual basis. The list provides the materials, substances, and methods allowed under Mexico's certified organic production program. The updates to the list generally mirror the organic standards of Mexico's main commercial partners, including the United States, the European Union, and Canada.

Background

On June 8, 2020, the GOM published in the <u>DOF</u> modifications to the Guidelines for Organic Operations, finalizing a multi-year process incorporating comments from domestic stakeholders and trading partners. The Guidelines regulate the national organic program to facilitate Mexican organic production for domestic sales and exports. In addition, the Guidelines require the GOM to publish periodic updates to the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Agriculture.

Provision: Amend to Annex 1 of the National List of Permitted Substances for Organic Farming Operations of the previous Agreement by which the Guidelines for the Organic Operation of Farming Activities, published in the Federal Registry on October 29, 2013, are made public.

Transitory Provision

This Agreement will enter into force the day after its publication in the Federal Registry.

SENASICA has listed two methods to contact its staff with questions about implementation of the Organic Law (LOP): 1) email to info.organicos@senasica.gob.mx, or 2) telephone to (+52) 55 5905 1000, ext. 51509, 51523, or 51532. For presentations and other resources from SENASICA's April 12, 2021 webinar, please see SENASICA's website.

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