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Report Highlights:

On May 21, 2024, the Government of Mexico published a modification to the Federal Law of Animal Health. The update strengthens the penalties for non-compliance with the law and lists substances banned for use in livestock intended for human consumption.

Background

On May 21, 2024, the Government of Mexico [published a modification to the Federal Law of Animal Health](#) in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register). The decree modifies articles 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, and 175, and makes an addition to article 172. The modified articles increase the penalties established for non-compliance with the Federal Law of Animal Health. Article 172 bis lists substances that are forbidden for use in livestock intended for human consumption. The [original Federal Law of Animal Health](#) was published on July 25, 2007, and the [implementing regulations were published](#) on May 21, 2012.

Why it matters?

The banned substances were previously listed under various other regulations. Aggregating banned substances into one law and increased penalties may provide more judicial certainty and incentive for compliance with the Federal Law of Animal Health.

What next?

The modification goes into force on May 22, 2024. The list of banned substances in article 172 bis may be updated and republished in the Diario Oficial as necessary without public consultations. This report provides an unofficial translation of the decree.

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DECREE by which articles 169, 171, 172, 173, 174 and 175 are reformed and an article 172 Bis of the Federal Animal Health Law is added.

In the margin a seal with the National Coat of Arms, which says: United Mexican States. – Presidency of the Republic.

ANDRÉS MANUEL LÓPEZ OBRADOR, President of the United Mexican States, to its inhabitants know:

That the Honorable Congress of the Union has kindly addressed me the following

DECREE

THE GENERAL CONGRESS OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES, DECREES:

ARTICLES 169, 171, 172, 173, 174 AND 175 ARE REFORMED AND AN ARTICLE 172 BIS OF THE FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH LAW IS ADDED.

Unique Item. Articles 169, sections A, B, C, D and second paragraph are reformed; 171, 172, 173, first paragraph, 174 and 175, first paragraph and an article 172 Bis of the Federal Animal Health Law is added, to read as follows:

Article 169.-

- A.** From 20 to 1000 times the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update.
- B.** From 1000 to 10,000 times the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update.
- C.** From 10,000 to 50,000 times the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update.
- D.** From 50,000 to 100,000 times the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update.

For the purposes of this Law, it will be understood as the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update in force at the time of committing the sanctioned conduct.

Article 171.- Anyone who enters the national territory with animals, goods of animal origin, as well as products for animal use or consumption and by any means evades an inspection point on animal health matters and endangers or endangers the animal health situation of the country by failing to comply the respective regulatory nature, the penalty of two to ten years in prison and a fine of up to one thousand times the daily value of the Measurement and Update Unit will be imposed.

Article 172.- Anyone who introduces into the national territory or within it, transports or trades live animals, their products, or by-products, which have been fed with a substance whose use is prohibited in accordance with articles 93 and 172 Bis of this Law or of good livestock practices

issued by the Secretariat, having knowledge of any of these facts, a penalty of four to eight years in prison and a fine of five hundred to three thousand times the daily value of the Measurement and Update Unit will be imposed and in case of recidivism, the penalty and fine will be doubled.

Article 172 Bis. – The following are considered substances or products prohibited for use or consumption in animals destined for slaughter:

- I Carbadox (QCA)
- II Cloranfenicol
Clenbuterol Hydrochloride or Clenbuterol Hydrochloride or Clenbuterol or
- III Clenbuterol
- IV Clorhidrato de Fenilefrina
- V Violet crystal
- VI Coumarin in artificial flavors
- VII Dienoestrol
- VIII Dietilestilbestrol (DES)
- IX Dimetridazol
- X Feniltiouracilo
- XI Furaltadona (AMAZ)
- XII Furazolidona (AOZ)
- XIII Hexoestrol
- XIV Lindano
- XV Metiltiouracilo
- XVI Metronidazol
- XVII Nifupirazina
- XVIII Nifuraldezona
- XIX Nitrofurantoina (AHD)
- XX Nitrofurazona
- XXI Nitrovin (Nitrovina)
- XXII Olaquinox (MQCA)
- XXIII Orciprenaline
- XXIV Oxazolidona
- XXV Synthetic pigments from the sudan group
- XXVI Propiltiouracilo
- XXVII Rodinazol o Ronidazol
- XXVIII Roxarsona (3-Nitro)
- XXIX Salbutamol
- XXX Tapazol
- XXXI Tinidazol
- XXXII Tiouracil

Carbadox (QCA) is prohibited for all adult pigs and for all ages of other animal species intended for slaughter.

Animals for supply will be understood as those animals whose destination is human consumption.

To the list of substances and products and their salts, precursors, metabolites, and chemical derivatives, provided for in this article, those announced by the Secretariat in terms of the provisions of article 93 of this Law will be understood to be incorporated.

Article 173.- Anyone who, without authorization from the competent animal health authorities or in contravention of the terms in which it has been granted, imports, possesses, transports, stores, markets or generally carries out acts with any substance whose use is prohibited in accordance with articles 93 and 172 Bis of this Law for feeding animals in the provisions of animal health or good livestock practices issued by the Secretariat, a penalty of four to eight years in prison and a fine of five hundred to three thousand times the daily value of the Measurement and Update Unit and in case of recidivism the penalty and fine will be doubled, as long as these acts are for the purpose of adding them to food or beverages from animals whose products or by-products are intended for human consumption.

Article 174.- Anyone who distributes, orders the supply, or supplies to animals destined for supply any substance or food prohibited in accordance with articles 93 and 172 Bis of this Law, and other animal health provisions, will be punished with three to seven years of imprisonment and ten thousand to fifty thousand times the daily value of the Measurement and Update Unit.

Article 175.- A penalty of one to five years in prison and a fine of up to one thousand times the daily value of the Measurement and Update Unit will be imposed, without prejudice to any administrative sanctions that may be generated.

Transitory

Only. This Decree will enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

Mexico City, April 3, 2024.- Sen. **Ana Lilia Rivera Rivera**, President. – Dip. **Marcela Guerra Castillo**, President.- Sen. **Verónica Noemí Camino Farjat**, Secretary. – Dip. **Pedro Vázquez González**, Secretary. – Rubrics.

In compliance with the provisions of section I of Article 89 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, and for its due publication and observance, this Decree is issued at the Residence of the Federal Executive Branch, in Mexico City, on 21 May 2024.- Andrés **Manuel López Obrador**. – Heading. – The Secretary of the Interior, **Luisa María Alcalde** Luján.

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Attachments:

[Diario Oficial Update to Animal Health Law SPANISH.pdf](#)