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Report Highlights:

On March 19, 2023, Mexico’s Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) announced the annual import quota for two types of the agrochemical glyphosate. The 2023 quota is set at 4,131 tons of formulated glyphosate and 314 tons of technical glyphosate. The glyphosate import quota was implemented in 2021 under the 2020 Corn Decree and reaffirmed in the revised 2023 Corn Decree. This report provides an unofficial translation of the COFEPRIS press release announcing the 2023 glyphosate import quota.

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The glyphosate import quota was implemented under the Corn Decree of [2020](#), which called for a gradual reduction in the use of glyphosate in Mexico and a complete ban by January 31, 2024. The revised Corn Decree of 2023 reaffirmed the gradual phasing out of the use of glyphosate, with a total ban by March 31, 2024. Additional details on the 2023 Corn Decree are available in the USDA GAIN Report [MX2023-0010](#).

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Mexico City, March 19, 2023 – The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (Cofepris) has maintained and will continue to fully comply with the presidential decree, published in December 2020, which establishes the gradual replacement of the use, acquisition, distribution, promotion, and importation of glyphosate, and the agrochemicals containing it that are used in our country.

Due to the above, this health authority safeguards a strict control regarding the quotas or volume authorized to companies who will import glyphosate in 2023 in accordance with the quotas established by the National Council of Science and Technology (Conacyt).

Conacyt determined that the total maximum amount of glyphosate authorized for importation this year will be 4,131 tons (4,131,544.25 kg) of formulated glyphosate, and 314 tons (314,307.75 kg) of technical glyphosate, total figures that will be distributed equitably among importing companies.

It is emphasized that companies interested in importing this herbicide to Mexico must have a current sanitary registration and history as an importer of this substance during the three last years.

The gradual decrease of importation, distribution, and use of glyphosate will culminate in 2024 with a total ban on this herbicide; however, there are twelve alternatives to this substance, which do not risk the Mexican countryside or the health of the population.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.