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Mexican Proposed Rule Threatens U.S. Rendered Products

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Report Highlights:

On July 21, México published a new proposed rule (NOM-060) which would prohibit the use of imported rendered products in animal feed from countries with BSE or scrapie, or unless treated at high temperature and pressure. The public comment period is 60 calendar days, in Spanish.

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 July 21, 1999 concerning a proposed Mexican Official Norm PROY-NOM-060-ZOO-1999,

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.

Title: Proposed Official Mexican Norm PROY-NOM-060-ZOO-1999, Specifications for the rendering of animal by-products and their use in animal feed.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: This proposed regulation establishes specifications to regulate the rendering and use of animal by-products, and the commercialization thereof for use in animal feed, in order to avoid the risk of transmissible spongiform encephalitis (BSE and scrapie). It applies to both domestic Mexican and imported product, and claims to be partially in accordance with Chapter 3.2.18 of the rules of the OIE regarding BSE. The final rule (when published) becomes effective 60 calendar days from the date of publication, however, high-temperature plants will be given two (2) years to comply. These plants must present to SAGAR within 6 months definite plans to make the modifications required to comply with this rule.

In particular, the proposed rule states that imports are prohibited of tissue, offals, and meal:

- a) of bovine origin destined for animal feed when the country of origin and/or shipping country is affected or has commercial or zoosanitary practices which exposes them to BSE;
- b) of ovine origin when the country of origin and/or shipping country is affected or has commercial or zoosanitary practices which exposes them to scrapie (prurigo lumbar).

Other Key Points:

- It is prohibited to feed non-processed (raw) animal tissues to ruminants, equines, swine, and poultry.
- No ruminant meal or mix can be fed to ruminants, with the exception of tissues of low-risk..
- The use of meals from non-ruminant species in feeding ruminants is allowed if the meal is processed in a rendering plant according to the requirements set forth in this proposed regulation, as long as the plant is approved by and registered with SAGAR.
- Animal fats, processed tallow and blood are not affected by this rule.
- Product from low-temperature rendering plants must be reprocessed at high-temperature plants.
- High-temperature is defined as 133 degrees centigrade for a period of at least 20 minutes at a pressure of three (3) bars or equivalent. This applies to all ruminant and non-ruminant tissues, including solvent-processed product.
- All imported animal tissue, meals and feeds must be accompanied by official certification from the country of

origin that: 1) the product comes from plants approved by SAGAR; 2) the meals were processed at high temperature; 3) the meals in animal feed were processed at high temperature.

Type of Regulation: Proposed. (Copies, in Spanish, may be obtained from FAS/Mexico or USDA/APHIS in Washington, D.C.)

Important Dates:

1. Publication Date: July 21, 1999

2. Start of Public Comment Period: July 22, 1999, for 60 calendar days

3. End of Public Comment Period: September 15, 1999

Products Affected: All rendered products

Agency in Charge: Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia y Desarrollo Rural (SAGAR)

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