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**Report Name:** Mexico Announces Changes to its Organic Products Import Procedures

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**Report Highlights:**

Mexico has announced proposed changes to its organic import procedures under the “Agreement Establishing Goods whose Import and Export are Subject to Regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development” (the draft measure). This GAIN report includes the original Spanish-language copy of Mexico’s draft measure submitted to the National Commission for Regulatory Improvement (CONAMER) and a non-official, courtesy English translation. Stakeholders should submit comments through CONAMER before Monday, December 28, 2020.

Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) has published its intent to become lead regulator of certain import and export products based on changes to [Mexico's trade law published on July 1, 2020](#). SADER's proposed changes are outlined in the "*Acuerdo que Establece las Mercancías Cuya Importación y Exportación está Sujeta a Regulación por Parte de la Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural*" ("Agreement Establishing Goods whose Import and Export are Subject to Regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development"). Mexico has not yet notified the World Trade Organization Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of these changes. Notably, agricultural imports into Mexico requiring certificates of origin, such as organics, would be affected.

In December 2020, SADER has begun communicating to industry and importers that changes to organic imports will take effect on December 28, 2020, as outlined in the draft measure. Initial public comments regarding potential delays and other disruptions to Mexico's organics trade due to these proposed changes should be submitted via CONAMER at <http://187.191.71.192/portales/resumen/50623>.

**Comments are accepted through Monday, December 28, 2020.**

**Attachments:**

- [1. 20201119030728\\_50623\\_Proyecto\\_Acuerdo\\_SADER\\_Spanish.pdf](#)
- [2. 20201119030728\\_50623\\_Proyecto\\_Acuerdo\\_SADER\\_English.pdf](#)