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Report Highlights:

Mexico has published new guidelines for use of its organic seal. Use of the organic seal is voluntary, but when used on organic products sold in Mexico, should follow the guidelines published in the Federal Gazette on December 3, 2021. The new guidelines include the option for U.S. organic products to use the seal if they are certified as organic under the Organic Products Law (LPO).

This report serves to highlight published modifications to Mexico’s organic seal and labeling regulations.

On December 3, 2021, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural development (SADER) published updated guidelines on use of its organic seal and related labeling rubrics in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Federal Gazette). This report contains the [published text in Spanish](#) and an [unofficial English translation](#) as attachments.

The draft Measure was posted on the National Commission of Regulatory Improvement (CONAMER)’s website for public comments from both national and international stakeholders during August 16–November 23, 2021 (see GAIN no. [MX2021-0046](#) for more information).

Key Changes

- Criteria for organic labeling are now standardized with the June 2020 guidelines (*lineamientos* in Spanish) for organic production in Mexico. The changes are aimed at simplifying use of the seal on users, including simplifying the chromatic patterns.



- Inventory with labels meeting the prior labeling regulations may be used within 36 months after [this](#) December 3, 2021 update.
- Use of the organic seal is now open to non-Mexico organic product, including from the United States, if certified under the Organic Products Law ([LPO](#)).

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.

Attachments:

[English - Unofficial Translation - DOF - Changes to Organic Seal Use - December 3, 2021.pdf](#)

[Spanish - DOF - Changes to Organic Seal Use - December 3, 2021.pdf](#)