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**Report Name:** Mexico Publishes Draft Conformity Assessment Procedure for Cheese

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**Report Highlights:**

On August 26, 2021, the Regulatory Improvement National Commission (CONAMER) published a draft Conformity Assessment Procedure (CAP) for the national standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Cheese. Once finalized, the cheese CAP will provide the procedure for determining whether cheese products meet Mexican national standards. The draft is open for public comments through October 25, 2021.

**General Information:**

On August 26, 2021, the Regulatory Improvement National Commission (CONAMER) published a draft Conformity Assessment Procedure (CAP) for the national standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Cheese. The draft CAP NOM-223 is available in Spanish at <https://cofemersmir.gob.mx/portales/resumen/52258>.

The objective of CAP NOM-223 is to establish the procedures to determine whether the products covered by NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018 comply with the national standard. CAP NOM-223 will apply to all cheese sold in Mexico regardless of whether the products are for further processing or for sale in retail or wholesale channels. The final CAP NOM-223 must be harmonized with the current labeling regulation [NOM-051-SCGI/SSA1-2010](#), among other regulations.

The draft CAP NOM-223 is open for public comments for a 60-day period that began on August 26, 2021. For consideration, public comments must be uploaded on the CONAMER website at <https://cofemersmir.gob.mx> no later than October 25, 2021.

Following the current public comment period, CONAMER is expected to reply to all written comments received by the deadline. After reviewing and responding to the comments, CONAMER will publish a revised draft in the Official Gazette ([DOF](#)) and open a second public comment period, while simultaneously notifying a revised draft to the [WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee](#) for comment by trading partners.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.