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**Report Name:** Mexico to Update NOM-187 Regarding Some Products  
Derived from Wheat and Corn

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**Report Highlights:**

The Mexican Ministry of Health is proposing changes to the existing NOM-187 published in 2003. The purpose of the amendment is to establish the classification, ingredients, and specifications that products derived from corn and wheat need to meet. It also includes the sanitary provisions that the establishments where they are processed must comply with and the test methods, denominations, commercial and sanitary information their labels need to include. NOM-187 applies to both national and imported products. The comment period is open until the end of January 2022. According to the Mexican authorities, the update to the regulation is driven by the need to organize the market and provide the consumers with enough elements to make an informed purchase decision.

## General Information

**Introduction:** This report is a notice of the proposed change to “NOM-187-SSA1/SE-2021 Corn and Wheat Products – Denominations – Dough and Dough Derived Products – Sanitary Specifications - Commercial and Sanitary Information – Test Methods” which will cancel “NOM-187-SSA1/SCFI-2002, Products and Services. Dough, Tortillas, Tostadas (fried tortillas) and Flour Prepared for their Elaboration and the Establishments where they are Processed. Sanitary Specifications. Commercial Information. Test Methods” which was published in the Official Gazette (DOF, in Spanish) on August 18, 2003.

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**Title:** Project to modify Mexican Standard “NOM-187-SSA1/SE-2021 Corn and Wheat Products – designations – dough and dough derived products – Sanitary Specifications - Commercial and Sanitary Information – Test Methods”.

**FAS Mexico’s Executive Summary:** The Ministry of Health is proposing a change to the existing NOM-187, published in 2003. The purpose of the draft amendment to this NOM-187 is to establish the classification, ingredients, and specifications that products derived from corn and wheat, which are detailed and described in the NOM, must meet, along with the sanitary provisions that the establishments they are processed in must comply with and the test methods, denominations, commercial information, and sanitary information their labels need to have (both national and imported products). Sanitary and commercial information is essential so that consumers can make an efficient purchase and have enough information to preserve the products adequately. Furthermore, there are new products in the market, which is why it is essential to update the existing NOM. The Ministry of Health, which is the entity proposing these changes, argues that there have been problems related to lack of information for consumers to adequately preserve their products and market failures associated to the entry of new stakeholders which prevent an adequate competition amongst the interested parties. According to the Mexican authorities, the need to update the regulation is driven by the need to organize the market and provide the consumers with enough elements to make an informed purchase decision. The amendments to the NOM can be consulted [here](#) or attached at the end of this report (in Spanish). The comment period will be open *until the end of January 2022*, and comments can be provided in this [link](#). To this date (January 5, 2022) there is no estimated publish date on the DOF and there are only four comments published in the National Commission for Regulatory Improvement (CONAMER) website.

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