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Report Highlights:

This report intends to highlight Mexico's publications of its intent to redraft, modify, or create 6 dairy regulations (NOMs by their Spanish acronym). Through its 2021 Quality Infrastructure National Program (QINP), Mexico announced butter, cream, milk, yoghurt, cheese, and milk powder NOMs would be up for creation or rework. The final NOMs, expected to be published in 2022, will affect both national and imported dairy products commercialized in Mexico. Mexico's cheese conformity assessment procedure and milk powder measures notified to the WTO under G/TBT/N/MEX/465 and G/TBT/N/MEX/477, respectively, are still pending final publication.

Overview:

In accordance with the new 2020 Quality Infrastructure Law, the Economy Secretariat developed the 2021 [Quality Infrastructure National Program](#) (QINP), which was published in the Official Gazette (www.dof.gob.mx) on February 25, 2021. In the 2021 QINP, five Mexican dairy regulations (NOMs by their Spanish acronym) are slated to be reviewed and one new NOM will be created – all with the stated objective of bringing more legislative certainty to the Mexican dairy industry, as well as transparency to the final consumer.

NOMs By Product and Spanish Title:

- **Yoghurt** – “Proyecto de modificación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-181-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Yogurt-Denominación, especificaciones fisicoquímicas y microbiológicas, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”
- **Cheese** – “Proyecto de modificación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Queso-Denominación, especificaciones, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”
- **Cream** – “Proyecto de modificación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-193-SE/SADER-2020, Crema-Denominaciones, especificaciones, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”
- **Fluid milk** – “Proyecto de Modificación de la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-155-SE/SADER-2020, Leche-denominaciones, especificaciones fisicoquímicas, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”
- **Milk Powder** – “Proyecto de Modificación de la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-222-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Leche en polvo o leche deshidratada-Materia prima-Especificaciones, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”
- **Butter** – “Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-XXX-SE/SADER-2020, Mantequilla - Denominación - Especificaciones, información comercial y métodos de prueba.”

The 2021 QINP estimates these regulations will be reviewed by stakeholders, such as government and industry, in the second half of 2021. As part of Mexico’s legislative process, once the drafts are completed, they will be published for public comments in the Official Gazette, well as notified to the World Trade Organization for WTO Member comments, including from trading partners, before finalization of the regulations.

Measures notified to the WTO:

As of publishing of this report, final versions of Mexico’s cheese conformity assessment procedure notified to the WTO under symbol G/TBT/N/MEX/465 and Mexico’s milk powder measure notified to the WTO under symbol G/TBT/N/MEX/477 have not been released.

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Attachments:

[Spa. - 2021 02 25 - Programa Nacional de Infraestructura de la Calidad 2021.pdf](#)

[Eng., Unofficial Translation - 2021 02 25 - 2021 Quality Infrastructure National Program.pdf](#)