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Report Name: Mexico Adds Native Varieties to the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties

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Report Highlights:

On July 7, 2024, the Government of Mexico (GOM) announced an update for registrations in the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties to include “native varieties.” According to the GOM announcement about the update, the purpose of the change is to officially recognize and protect indigenous plant resources. This report provides an unofficial translation of the GOM announcement.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on an initial review of the notification presented and therefore should not 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 notification as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

On July 7, 2024 the Government of Mexico published in the [Official Gazette](#) an update to the Application Form for Registration in the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties, which is managed by the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service (SNICS). The update adds a section on "Native Varieties" to the plant variety registration form. According to the announcement in the Official Gazette, this change, implemented by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER), aims to officially recognize and protect indigenous plant resources. The updated form is accessible on the [SNICS website](#). Note: Neither the Official Gazette announcement, the Application Form for Registration of plant varieties, nor the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties provides a definition of "Native Varieties."

SNICS is responsible for maintaining the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties, which serves as a comprehensive registry of all plant varieties officially authorized for commercialization within Mexico. The catalogue includes detailed information about each variety, such as its characteristics, origin, and permitted uses. The Catalogue currently lists 495 corn varieties with registered breeding titles and 38 public domains¹varieties.

Applications to register plant varieties in the National Catalogue of Plant Varieties must comply with the format issued by SADER through SNICS, in accordance with the provisions of article 15 of the Regulations of the [Federal Law on Seed Production, Certification and Trade](#).

¹ <https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/5b7206ba-e190-48fe-9696-73523bfccf58/page/itBWB>

The July 7 update introduced the following new section into the application form for registration of plant varieties in the National Catalogue, through which registrants can submit data on “Native Varieties.”

3. DATOS DE LA VARIEDAD VEGETAL NATIVA			
3.1.*Género y especie:		3.2 *Nombre común:	
3.3. Tipo (cuando aplique):		3.4 *Denominación propuesta:	
3.5. *Forma de reproducción:	<input type="checkbox"/> Alógama <input type="checkbox"/> Autógama <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetativa		
3.6. Nombre del (la) agricultor (a) resguardante de la variedad:			
3.7. *Procedencia de la variedad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Heredada <input type="checkbox"/> Comprada <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptada o introducida (especifique): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Otra	3.8. *Tiempo cultivando la variedad (años).	
3.9. *Régimen de humedad cultivo de la variedad:	de <input type="checkbox"/> Riego <input type="checkbox"/> Punta de Riego <input type="checkbox"/> Humedad Residual <input type="checkbox"/> Temporal <input type="checkbox"/> Otro: _____		
3.10 *Uso de la variedad	<input type="checkbox"/> Alimenticio <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental <input type="checkbox"/> Medicinal <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Pecuario <input type="checkbox"/> Otro: _____		
3.11. *Comunidad y/o región de cultivo			
3.12. *Proceso a utilizar para la conservación de la identidad: [forma en que se multiplicará la variedad para mantener sus características]			
3.13. * La descripción varietal se realizó en:			
Localidad:		Estado:	
Municipio o alcaldía:		País:	
Duración de la evaluación:	_____ ciclos	De: (dd/mm/aaaa)	a: (dd/mm/aaaa)
Variedades de referencia utilizadas:			
3.14. * Característica distintiva (s) de la variedad, adicional a las consideradas en la guía técnica, o directriz de examen.			

Promotional material for a SNICS [training seminar](#) about the registration of native varieties in the catalogue:

PRODUCTOR CAPACÍTATE EN LÍNEA



Registro de variedades nativas de maíz

27 de junio de 2024 de 11:00 a 14:30 horas.

Objetivos

Ofrecer a los beneficiarios del Proyecto Estratégico de maíces nativos, información relativa al registro oficial de las variedades nativas de maíz en México, los requisitos y procedimientos para registrar en el catálogo nacional de variedades vegetales, así como, los pasos a seguir para la obtención de semilla calificada.

Temario

- Valor agregado de registrar una variedad y producir la semilla.
- Registro de variedades nativas.
- Calificación de semillas (Producción de semilla).

Los interesados podrán solicitar información a través de tu DDR o Cader más cercano, así como al correo: ana.dominguez@agricultura.gob.mx



REGISTRO:
<https://bit.ly/49vhQBF>



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DOF: 07/11/2024

NOTICE announcing the update of the Application Form for Registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties on the SNICS website.

On the margin a seal with the National Shield, which says: United Mexican States.- AGRICULTURE.- Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development.

LEOBIGILDO CÓRDOVATÉLLEZ, Head of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, Body

Deconcentrated Administrative Department of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, based on the provisions of articles 17 and 35 of the Organic Law of the Federal Public Administration; 2, section VII, 5 section IX, 21, 22 and 23 of the Federal Law of Seed Production, Certification and Trade; 15, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45 and 46 Regulations of the Federal Law of Seed Production, Certification and Trade and 19 sections XVIII and XXVI, 53, 56 fractions I and V, of the Internal Regulations of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on May 3, 2021, and

CONSIDERING

That, the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, a Decentralized Administrative Body of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, is in charge of listing the varieties whose pertinent characteristics have been described in accordance with the guides for each species to guarantee their genetic identity and distinction, through registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties.

That, applications to register plant varieties in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties must be submitted in accordance with the format issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development through the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, in accordance with the provisions of the article. 15 of the Regulations of the Federal Law on Seed Production, Certification and Trade.

Due to the above, I have seen fit to issue the following:

NOTICE BY WHICH THE UPDATE OF THE APPLICATION FORM IS AWARE REGISTRATION IN THE NATIONAL CATALOG OF PLANT VARIETIES ON THE WEBSITE OF THE SNICS

UNIQUE.- To the entire interested public, is made known the updated Application Form for registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties (SINGLE ANNEX), which is available on the website of the National Inspection and Certification Service of Plant Varieties, Deconcentrated Administrative Body of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, through the hyperlink: <https://www.gob.mx/snics/documentos/120084>

TRANSITORY

SOLE.- This Notice will come into force from the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

Mexico City, June 14, 2024.- The Head of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service,

Leobigildo Córdova Téllez.- Rubric.

**National Seed Inspection and Certification Service
Application for Registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties**

Format	Data to be assigned by the office
SNICS-2020-082-002-A.	Reference No.:
*Date of publication of the format in the DOF	Date of request for the procedure (dd/mm/yyyy)
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT(S)

1.1. Physical persons	1.1. Moral people
CURP (optional):	RFC (optional):
RFC:	Denomination or social reason:
Names):	
Surname:	
Second surname:	
Nationality:	Nationality:

Telephone (name, number and extension):

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1.2. *Domicile of the Applicant

Postal Code:	
Street:	
Outdoor Number:	Interior number:
Cologne:	Location:
Municipality or mayor's office:	
Federal entity:	Between streets (optional):
Country:	Rear street (optional):

1.3. *Address to listen and receive notifications

Same address as point 1.2-[go to 1.4] if different, enter the following information:	Postal code: Street:
Outdoor Number:	Interior number:
Cologne:	Location:
Municipality or mayor's office:	
Federal entity:	Between streets (optional):

1.4. *Email:

I expressly express my agreement, so that in terms of the provisions of article 35 section II of the Federal Law of Administrative Procedure, I am given notice through the following email (s) of all the notifications that correspond to this request:

1.5. Name(s) of the representative(s) or legal representative(s) [or](#); If applicable, Single Registry of Accredited Persons (RUPA):

1.6. Persons authorized to hear and receive notifications:
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The resolutions, requirements and other acts of the Service will be notified to applicants by letter, email and through notices published on www.gob.mx/snics.

Modality of the inscription:
Improved varieties (enter information from point 2) Native varieties (enter the information from point 3)

2. DATA ON THE IMPROVED PLANT VARIETY				
2.1.*Genus and species: 2.3. Type (when applicable):	2.2.*Common name:			
2.5 Name(s) of plant breeder(s):	2.4 *Proposed name:			
2.6. *Does the variety have a current Breeder's Title?	Yes: Indicate the Title number <u> </u> No (Go to section 2.8)			
2.7. The applicant is the holder of the right _Yes	No (you must present the owner's permission)			
2.8. *Type of variety Line [Indicate Level of Inbreeding]: _____ Single cross hybrid (A x B) Inbreeding of A _____, B _____. Three-line hybrid (A x B) x C Inbreeding of A _____, B _____ and C _____. A _____, B _____ and C _____.	<u>Intervarietal</u> hybrid		Multilinear variety	
	Interspecific Hybrid Open-pollinated variety Double cross hybrid (A x B) x (C x D) _____		<u>Mestizo</u>	
	<u>Synthetic</u> variety		<u>Clone</u> Other: " _____"	
2.9 * Parents of the variety	PARENTAL TO	PARENTAL B	PARENTAL C	PARENTAL D
Parents				
Denomination				
a) Genealogy				
b) Breeder				
c) Is it a registered line?				
d) Is it part of a registered line? [If yes, indicate name:]				
2.10. * Origin. The variety was obtained in:				
2.11. *Obtaining Method: [Describe in detail and in chronological order the obtaining process; if more space is required, attach the corresponding sheets, numbering them for further reference. It is recommended to organize the information according to the following: year, place and description of activities and method used].				

2.12. *Process to use to preserve the identity of the variety: [Describe the way in which the finished variety will be multiplied without changes in its characteristics]			
2.13. * The varietal description is	Mexico	Other country (Indicate) _____	
performed in: Location:		State:	
Municipality		Country:	
Evaluation duration:	Cycles (dd/mm/yyyy)		a (dd/mm/yyyy)
Reference varieties used:			
2.14. * The variety is distinct, homogeneous, and stable	Yes	No	
2.15. * Varieties similar to the candidate variety and differences [Characteristics according to the test guideline, specific technical guide or guide proposal]			
Name of the most similar variety	Characteristic in which it is different	Similar Variety	Expression level of Candidate Variety
2.16 Additional Information:			
2.16. Special conditions for the DUS exam:			
2.17. *This is a Genetically Modified Organism (in accordance with the Law on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms):	Yes	No	

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3. DATA ON THE NATIVE PLANT VARIETY			
3.1.*Genus and species:		3.2 *Common name:	
3.3. Type (when applicable):		3.4 *Proposed name:	
3.5. *Form of reproduction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Allogamous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autogamous <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetative		
3.6. Name of the farmer protecting the variety:			
3.7. *Origin of the variety:	<input type="checkbox"/> Inherited <input type="checkbox"/> Purchased <input type="checkbox"/> Adapted or <input type="checkbox"/> Other	3.8. *Time cultivating the introduced variety (years):	
	(specify): _____		
3.9. *Variety cultivation humidity regime:	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Peak <input type="checkbox"/> Residual Humidity <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
3.10 *Use of variety	<input type="checkbox"/> Food <input type="checkbox"/> Ornamental <input type="checkbox"/> Medicinal <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
3.11. *Community and/or growing region			
3.12. *Process to use for identity conservation: [way in which the variety will be multiplied to maintain its characteristics]			
3.13. * The varietal description was made			
in: Location:		State:	
Municipality or mayor's office:		Country:	
Evaluation duration:	cycles	From: (dd/mm/yyyy)	a: (dd/mm/yyyy)
Reference varieties used:			
* Distinctive feature 3.14. (s) of the variety, additional to those considered in the technical guide, or examination guideline.			

I declare "UNDER PROTEST OF TELLING THE TRUTH", that the information stated in this application is true and correct and I undertake to provide, at the request of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, the information, samples or verifications that are required by the Service. , if I act as a ~~representative~~ or legal representative, I have the corresponding powers to carry out this procedure.

Name and signature of the applicant or his Legal representative

Attached documents (to be filled out by the registry office)

- * Proof of payment. Original.
- * Document that certifies personality
 - For applicants who submit applications in their own name, a simple copy of official identification, - For applicants who represent someone else, registration number of persons accredited with the SNICS (verify on page 1 of the application) or original or certified copy of the document that certifies legal representation.

- * Varietal description (if the variety has a breeder's title, this requirement is omitted).

- *Description of parents (in case the repeated use of another variety is required, in accordance with Article 38 of the Regulations of the Federal Law of Production, Certification and Trade of Seeds).

- Consent of the right holder (for varieties with a current Breeder's Title, except when the applicant is the owner).

- Payment for _____ certified copies

- Legalization or apostille of the attached documents from abroad, if applicable (Original).
Translation of documents presented in a language other than Spanish, if applicable (Original).

*Mandatory requirements.

Terms and Conditions

Information on the processing of personal data.

The National Seed Inspection and Certification Service is responsible for the personal data you provide with this application and in connection with its processing, they are collected by the Directorate of Plant Varieties for the purpose of processing the application; determine compliance with the requirements demanded by applicable national and international regulations; contact the applicant, his representative and authorized persons in relation to the process; notify acts and resolutions that require it and, where appropriate, publish the application and respective registration, in terms of the Federal Law of Production, Certification, and Trade of Seeds and other applicable provisions, to provide information to the public in the exercise of rights. The Directorate of Plant Varieties does not process data that requires express authorization. If this occurs, express consent will be obtained, which may be revoked by request to the Transparency Unit. Information may be sent or requested through the [Unidadtransparencia](mailto:snics@snics.gob.mx) email. [.snics@snics.gob.mx](mailto:snics@snics.gob.mx)

Consult our privacy notice at: <https://www.gob.mx/snics/acciones-y-programas/proteccion-de-datos-personales-del-servicio-nacional-de-inspeccion-y-certificacion-de-semillas-rural-development-308157>

Presentation and notifications.

The hours for receiving documents, serving the public and consulting files will be at the central offices of the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service, during the days that it considers as business days, it will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The application and its annexes must be submitted to the Service Management Control area, with address at Guillermo Pérez Valenzuela 127, Colonia del Carmen, [Alcaldía Coyoacán](https://www.gob.mx/snics), CP 04100, Mexico City.

The application may also be sent by courier services or conventional mail, in the terms provided in article 16 of the Regulations of the Federal Law of Production, Certification and Trade of Seeds that establishes the rules for the presentation of applications for Registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties, before the National Seed Inspection and Certification Service.

The resolutions, requirements and other acts of the Service will be notified to applicants by letter, email and through the notices of the National Catalog of Plant Varieties published at www.gob.mx/snics.

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Procedures to which the form corresponds: Application for registration in the National Catalog of Plant Varieties.
Federal Registry Number for Procedures and Services: SNICS-2020-082-002-A.

Legal-administrative basis.

Federal Law on Seed Production, Certification and Trade.
Regulations of the Federal Law on Seed Production, Certification and Trade.

Response time.

First response period: 20 business days from receipt of the request or compliance with the submission requirements.

Period for the ruling: 120 calendar days, counted from the submission of the application for registration, or from the date on which the prevention referred to in the first paragraph of article 36 of the Regulations of the Federal Law has been corrected. of Production, Certification and Trade of Seeds.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.