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Mexico Imposes Countervailing Duties on Hog

Imports from the U.S.

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI) announced a preliminary resolution in the anti-dumping complaint against exporters of U.S. live hogs. SECOFI found under-pricing for live hogs from certain U.S. suppliers, as well as the threat of injury to the Mexican swine industry.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Mexico [MX1], MX

Introduction: This report summarizes a preliminary ruling published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 1, 1999.

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.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On February 1, 1999, the Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI) published in the Mexican *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) a preliminary finding in the anti-dumping complaint against exporters of U.S. live hogs for slaughter (HTS#0103.92.99). SECOFI found under-pricing of US\$0.351 per kilogram, equivalent to approximately 48.13 percent, for live hogs from certain U.S. suppliers, as well as the threat of injury to the Mexican swine industry. The investigation continues, but effective February 1, 1999, imports from the U.S. are subject to countervailing duties equal to the difference between the export price and the SECOFI reference price of US\$1.08 per kilogram plus the current (in quota) import tariff of 8 percent applied to live hog imports from NAFTA countries.

Title: Preliminary Resolution on the Anti-Dumping Investigation on Imports from The United States of America of Live Hogs for Slaughter Classified in Tariff Code 0103.92.99 of the General Import Tariff Law.

Type of Ruling: Preliminary

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: February 1, 1999

2. Effective Date: February 2, 1999 through December 31, 1998

3. Important Dates:

a) Interested parties have 30 working days from the date of this publication to submit arguments and additional evidence relevant to this case.

b) A public hearing will be conducted on April 23, 1999 and final evidence after the hearing must be presented by May 6, 1999.

Products Affected: Tariff Code 0103.92.99 Live Hogs for slaughter.

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