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Mexico Modifies Med Fly Quarantine 1998

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Report Highlights:

Mexico's Department of Agriculture (SAGAR) changed the area and list of fruits subject to an existing quarantine to control Mediterranean fruit fly.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a modification of the final rule published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on October 9, 1998.

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: SAGAR modified the Mediterranean fruit fly (*Certitis capitata* Wied) quarantine announced on August 28, 1998 (see MX 8102). In general, this latest announcement changed the list of fruits and areas subject to the quarantine. More specifically, SAGAR dropped five fruits (see below) from and added guanabana (*Annona muricata* L.) to the list of quarantined fruits. Also, SAGAR changed the quarantine area — all of the state of Chiapas is now quarantined and, in the state of Campeche, Candelaria county was added and Champoton county was removed. Lastly, SAGAR increased the number of inspection points from 12 to 18.

Title: Announcement to Modify and Increase the phytosanitary specifications of the Emergency Quarantine Plan to Control the Mediterranean Fruit Fly in the States of Campeche, Chiapas and Tabasco.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** October 9, 1998
- 2. Effective Date:** October 10, 1998, through November 26, 1998 (47 days)
- 3. Start of Public Comment Period:** N/A — Final Rule
- 4. End of Public Comment Period:** N/A — Final Rule

Products Eliminated from the Original List :

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Papaya 1/	<i>Carica papaya</i> L.
Mandarin (White)	<i>Citrus reticulata</i> Blanco
Oranges, Naval	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> Osbeck
Pomelo, Shaddock	<i>Citrus grandis</i> Osbek
Grapefruit	<i>Citrus paradisi</i> Macfad

1/ Papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) products can be shipped provided they have the required Phytosanitary Mobilization Certificate (PMC).

The Revised Quarantined Areas (State/County):

- 1) Campeche: Candelaria, Carmen, Escarcega and Palizada.
- 2) Chiapas: The entire state.

3) Tabasco: The entire state.

Additional Quarantine Measures:

SAGAR officials will inspect all tourist and commercial vehicles (aerial and maritime). Also, SAGAR's inspectors will destroy all quarantined fruits found in the inspected vehicles and bags and any *Citrus* spp, sapodilla (*Achras zapota* L.), San Domingo apricot (*Mammea americana* L). and mango (*Mangifera indica* L).

Shippers can ship fruits that host the Mediterranean fruit fly through the quarantine areas of Campeche, Tabasco and Chiapas to Yucatan, Quintana Roo and non-quarantined counties of Campeche provided the shipments are enclosed or securely covered and sealed with numbered metal bands and they have a Phytosanitary Mobilization Certificate (PMC). Also, they can move fruits between the quarantined counties of Campeche, Tabasco and Chiapas provided these criteria.

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