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### Mexico Revises Fruit and Vegetable Import Regulation NOM-008

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**Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery, and Food (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on March 3, 2011, a draft for comments, containing

amendments to NOM-008-FITO-1995. This NOM contains requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the importation of fresh fruits and vegetables (see 2010 GAIN Report [MX0074](#) *Mexico to Revise Fruit and Vegetable Import Regulation NOM-008*).

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** This report summarizes SAGARPA's announcement published in Mexico's *Diario Oficial* on March 3, 2011, to review modification of the import requirements for fruits and vegetables.

**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.

**Title: Project to** Amend the Mexican Official Regulation NOM-008-FITO-1995, which Establishes Requirements and Phytosanitary Specifications for the Importation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

**Executive Summary:** SAGARPA announced in the *Diario Oficial*, on March 3, 2011, a draft to amend NOM-008-FITO-1995 that regulates the phytosanitary requirements and specification to import fresh fruit and vegetables. The Government of Mexico is allowing 60 calendar days to send comments on this draft.

This draft incorporates products that already have individual import requirements established under a Phytosanitary Requirement Sheet (HRZ) into NOM-008. This draft also includes the current certification requirements established under bilateral work plans between Mexico and its commercial partners (e.g., the United States, Chile, Canada, Argentina, Guatemala and Peru), that already comply with NOM-008. These amendments streamline the importation process and lower the costs of conducting business so that importers will only need to comply with NOM-008 and will not have to pay for and request a HRZ to accompany every fruit and vegetable import shipment. Previously, some fruit and vegetable products did not have import requirements specified in any norm and the Government of Mexico established minimum import requirements in an individual HRZ as allowed by NOM-006-FITO-1995. With this amendment, the requirements for products established with an HRZ are incorporated into NOM-008.

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NOTE: This report summarizes the amendments proposed by SAGARPA and includes information only about products originating from the United States. For information regarding the requirements of other countries, please consult the full text of the regulation.

The proposed amendments are:

ARTICLE ONE - Amendment to the second paragraph of 4.3 to read as follows:

Phytosanitary requirements for fruit and vegetable imports are listed below and arranged by species and

country of origin (in the table below):

1. International Phytosanitary Certificate (IFC).
2. Fruits and vegetables should come in new and clean boxes or packages, with information on the product and the packing company and/or exporting company.
3. The products that are part of any work plan must meet the packaging requirements and contain information for traceability that is specifically indicated in the respective work plan; and
4. Fruits and vegetables must be inspected at points of entry in Mexico.

ARTICLE TWO. Requirements are amended for Numbers F024 (strawberries), F043 (apples), F068 (table grapes), and F077 (apricots from Northwest United States) from point 4.3 to read as follows:

Req. Num.	Product	Country Of Origin	Additional Requirements	Ports of entry
F024	Strawberry <i>Fragaria spp.</i>	United States	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional declaration slot, the following text:  “The product of this shipment originates from areas that are not regulated (quarantine) for fruit flies of quarantine significance and is free from <i>Anthonomus signatus</i> and <i>Steneotarsonemus pallidus</i> .”	Colombia, NL; Tampico, Tamps.; Guaymas, Son.; Veracruz, Ver.; Manzanillo, Col.; Mazatlan, Sin.; Tijuana, BC; Mexicali, BC.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Piedras Negras, Coah.; Ciudad Juárez, Chih.; Nogales, Son.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; International Airport of Mexico City
F043	Apples <i>Malus pumila</i>	United States (Central) Utah, Colorado, and California And United States (Northeast) Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia	Requires verification of origin and phytosanitary treatment according to the guidelines and specifications set forth in the Work Plan signed between the phytosanitary authorities of Mexico and the United States.  The International Phytosanitary Certificate must specify, in the additional statement slot, the following text: "The apples in this shipment were treated and inspected under the procedures of the work plan agreed to between SAGARPA and the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), and are found free of quarantine pests."  Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the work plan.	Tijuana, BC.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Manzanillo, Col.; Juarez, Chih.; Nogales, Son.; Veracruz, Ver.; Monterrey, NL; Mexicali, BC.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; Tuxpan, Ver.; Lazaro Cardenas, Mich.; Mazatlán, Sin.; Salina Cruz, Oax.; Colombia, NL.
F043 continued	Apples <i>Malus pumila</i> , continued	United States (Northwest) Washington, Oregon, and	Actions of the work plan will be audited when SAGARPA deems necessary.	Tijuana, BC.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Manzanillo, Col.; Juarez,

		Idaho	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following statement: "The apples in this shipment were treated and inspected under the procedures of the work plan agreed to between SAGARPA and USDA, and are found free of quarantine pests." Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the work plan.	Chih.; Nogales, Son.; Veracruz, Ver.; Monterrey, NL; Mexicali, BC.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; Tuxpan, Ver.; Lazaro Cardenas, Mich.; Mazatlán, Sin.; Salina Cruz, Oax.; Colombia, NL
F043 continued	Apples <i>Malus pumila</i> , continued	United States (California)	Requires verification of origin and phytosanitary treatment according to the guidelines and specifications set forth in the work plan signed between the phytosanitary authorities of Mexico and the United States.  The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include the following statement: "The apples in this shipment were treated, inspected, and found free of live pests, according to the work plan agreed to between the General Directorate of Plant Health (DGSV) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).  Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the work plan.	Tijuana, BC.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Manzanillo, Col.; Juarez, Chih.; Nogales, Son.; Veracruz, Ver.; Monterrey, NL; Mexicali, BC.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; Tuxpan, Ver.; Lazaro Cardenas, Mich.; Mazatlán, Sin.; Salina Cruz, Oax.; Colombia, NL.
F068	Table Grapes <i>Vitis vinifera</i>	United States	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  "The product in this consignment comes from areas that are not regulated (quarantine) for fruit flies of quarantine concern. Shipments must be free of leaves and stems of grapes."	Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Subteniente Lopez, Q. Roo.; Nogales, Son.; Manzanillo, Col.; Tijuana, BC.; Puerto Morelos, Q. Roo.; Mexicali, BC.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; Juarez, Chih.
F077	Apricots <i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	United States (Northwest, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon)	Program for the export of U.S apricots from the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon.  The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  "The apricots in this shipment have	Mexicali, Baja California, Tijuana, Ciudad Juárez, Chih., Reynosa, Tamps., Matamoros, Tamps., Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., Manzanillo, Colima, Nogales, Son., San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.

			<p>been inspected under the procedures of the work plan on the systems approach agreed by the SAGARPA/DGSV and USDA/APHIS and were found free of quarantine pests."</p> <p>Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the corresponding work plan.</p>	
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ARTICLE THREE. Requirement is amended for Number H003 of point 4.3 as follows:

Req. Num.	Product	Country Of Origin	Additional requirements	Ports of entry
H003	Garlic <i>Allium sativum</i>	United States	<p>The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:</p> <p>"The product is free from <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> and <i>Sclerotium cepivorum</i>."</p> <p>Application is accepted at origin or point of entry into Mexico for methyl bromide treatment in accordance with the dosage indicated in point 4.3.2 item a) of this amendment. If the product is treated at origin, the specifications of the treatment shall be recorded in the International Phytosanitary Certificate.</p>	All points of entry

ARTICLE FOUR.... (No relevant changes)

ARTICLE FIVE.... (No relevant changes)

ARTICLE SIX.... (No relevant changes)

ARTICLE SEVEN.... (No relevant changes)

ARTICLE EIGHT. Requirements are amended for Numbers F018, F072, F076 and F077 (except U.S. apricots from the Northwest as identified in the second article of this amendment) of point 4.3. F072, F076, and F077 are cancelled and integrated into F018, as follows:

Req. Num.	Product	Country Of Origin	Additional requirements	Ports of entry
F018	Plum <i>Prunus domestica</i>  Peach <i>Prunus persica</i>  Nectarine <i>Prunus persica</i> var. <i>Nectarine</i>  Plum Inter-specific	United States	<p>Requires verification of origin under any of the following procedures:</p> <p>a) Work plan for the export of peaches, nectarines, plums, inter-specific plums, apricots and inter-specific apricots of the United States to Mexico under a systems approach.</p> <p>The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:</p> <p>"Peaches, nectarines, plums, inter-specific</p>	Tijuana, Mexicali, B.C.; Ciudad Juárez, Chih.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Manzanillo, Colima; Nogales, Son.; San Luis Rio Colorado, Son. International Airport of Mexico, D.F. (Only for apricots and inter-specific apricots), Colombia, N.L (Only for peach and nectarine).

	<i>Prunus domestica</i> x <i>Prunus armeniaca</i>  Apricot Inter-specific <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> x <i>Prunus persica</i>  Apricot <i>Prunus armeniaca</i>		plums, apricots, and inter-specific apricots in this shipment were inspected and found free of quarantine pests, according to the work plan on the systems approach agreed between the DGSV and APHIS.” b) Work plan for the export of peaches, nectarines, plums, inter-specific plums, apricots and inter-specific apricots from the United States to Mexico, with quarantine treatment.  The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  "The peaches, nectarines, plums, inter-specific plums, apricots, inter-specific apricots in this shipment were treated, inspected, and found free of live pests, according to the agreed work plan between the DGSV and APHIS."  Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the corresponding work plan.	
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ARTICLE NINE. Requirements are included for Numbers F081 (Quince), F083 (Cherry), and F085 (Avocado) of point 4.3, as follows:

Req. Num.	Product	Country Of Origin	Additional requirements	Ports of entry
F081	Quince <i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	United States	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  “The quince in this shipment is from areas free of Mediterranean fruit fly ( <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> )”  and  “Free of <i>Cydia molesta</i> , <i>Conotrachelus nenuphar</i> and <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> ”  The product was treated at origin with methyl bromide for the dosages described in point 4.3.2 item b) of this modification. The specified treatment should be recorded in the treatment section of the International Phytosanitary Certificate.  The shipment shall be free of leaves and plant debris.	All points of entry
F083	Cherry	United	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must	San Luis Rio Colorado,

	<i>Prunus avium</i>	States	include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  "The fruit in this shipment is free of <i>Conotrachelus nenuphar</i> , <i>Rhagoletis indifferentis</i> , <i>Argyrotaenia citrana</i> and <i>Choristoneura sp.</i> , and meets the requirements of the phytosanitary agreement established for sweet cherries between SAGARPA/SENASICA/DGSV and USDA/APHIS/Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)."  Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the Phytosanitary Agreement.	Son.; Mexicali, B.C.; Tijuana, B.C.; Ciudad Juárez, Chih.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Nogales, Son.; Manzanillo, Col.; International Airports of Mexico City and Guadalajara, Jal.; Monterrey, N.L; and Veracruz, Ver.
F085	Avocado <i>Persea americana</i>	United States	The International Phytosanitary Certificate must include, in the additional statement slot, the following text:  "The avocados of this shipment meet all the requirements of the work plan signed between the Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASICA) and APHIS, and originate from the county of ( <i>specified county</i> ) and packing house registered in the program, and as a result are free of: <i>Argyrotaenia citrana</i> , <i>Pseudococcus viburni</i> , <i>Pseudococcus comstocki</i> , <i>Dothiorella</i> fruit rot and at the request of Mexico are certified free of <i>Stenoma catenifer</i> and <i>Heilipus lauri</i> .  Shipments must comply with other requirements specified in the work plan.  The actions of the work plan will be audited by SAGARPA when appropriate.	San Luis Rio Colorado, Son.; Tijuana, Mexicali, B.C.; Nogales, Son.; Ciudad Juárez, Chih.; Reynosa, Tamps.; Matamoros, Tamps.; Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.; Manzanillo, Col.; International Airports of Guadalajara, Jal., Monterrey, NL, and Mexico City, DF, Veracruz, Ver

ARTICLE TEN.... (No relevant changes)

ARTICLE ELEVEN. Requirements for Numbers F061 and F078 of point 4.3 are cancelled.

ARTICLE TWELVE. Point Number 4.3.2. is added and reestablishes the quarantine treatments for garlic and quince.

#### 4.3.2 Phytosanitary treatments.

Phytosanitary treatments for garlic and Quince commodities.

a) For garlic, methyl bromide treatment T101(e2) will be applied in a 38 mm vacuum chamber

Temperature	Dosage (g/m <sup>3</sup> )	Exposure Time (Hrs)
33°C or greater	32	1.5
27-32°C	32	2.0



21-26°C	40	2.0
16-20°C	48	2.0
10-15°C	48	3.0
4-9°C	48	4.0

b) For quinces, methyl bromide treatment will be applied (T101-i-2-1 for 2.5 hours of exposure).

Temperature	Dosage Range	Minimum Concentration Reading, in gr/m <sup>3</sup> (ounces), after :	
		30 minutes	2.5 hrs
26.5 °C or more (80 °F)	24 gr/m <sup>3</sup> (1,5 lbs/1.000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	19	14
21 – 26.4 °C (70 – 79 °F)	32 gr/m <sup>3</sup> (2 lbs/1.000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	26	19
15.5 – 20.9 °C (60 – 69 °F)	40 gr/m <sup>3</sup> (2,5 lbs/1.000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	32	24
10 – 15.4 °C (50 – 59 °F)	48 gr/m <sup>3</sup> (3 lbs/1.000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	38	29
4.5 – 9.9 °C (40 - 49 °F)	64 gr/m <sup>3</sup> (4 lbs/1.000 ft <sup>3</sup> )	48	38

### Important Dates

**1. Publication Date:** March 3, 2011

**2. Comments:** 60 calendar days after date of publication.

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