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Report Highlights:

This report provides a quick-reference guide to Mexico's Organic Products Law (LPO) enforcement in 2022. The National Service for Food and Agricultural Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) and the Consumer Protection Office (PROFECO) share enforcement responsibilities at points of entry and points of sale, respectively. Contact information and resources for both entities is provided.

Background: On January 1, 2022, Mexico will begin enforcement of its Organic Products Law (LPO). LPO enforcement will differ by organic product category and by competent authority – the National Service for Food and Agricultural Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) or the Consumer Protection Office (PROFECO). See GAIN report [MX2021-0023](#) for comprehensive information about the LPO.

Purpose: The following table (Table 1) is intended to serve as a quick-reference guide, categorizing products by enforcement point and competent authority. Table 1 does not represent an exhaustive or definitive list. Where discrepancies lie with the relevant Mexican legislation, regulations, and communications, the original in Spanish shall prevail.

Table 1. LPO Enforcement by Product and Secretariat (as of January 1, 2022)

SENASICA – Point of Entry	PROFECO – Point of Sale
Imports	Imported and Domestic
Bulk Product/Material Imported for Retail Sale in Mexico	Processed Product (e.g., bottle of vinegar) and Bulk Product/Material for Retail Sale in Mexico
Listed in Annex b-f by HS code	All Products Marketed as Organic
Each shipment verified at time of import (at point of entry)	Spot check verifications conducted as response to specific complaints
The products must be accompanied by the following documents: copy of the organic certificate or equivalent and International Transaction or Control Document (Form O-SQ-F-03).	If imported before January 1, 2022 without LPO certification: Import Manifest Documentation Documents, or Store Inventory Catalog, or other fiscal documentation for retailer to demonstrate import date. Whether imported or domestic, as of January 1, 2022, all products marketed as organic should be certified to the LPO.

Note Mexico’s Regulatory Roles are as Follows: SENASICA is responsible for the implementation of the [LPO](#) and [the Measure \(December 2020\) affecting imports](#). The SENASICA office for organics can be contacted by 1) email at info.orgánicos@senasica.gob.mx or 2) telephone to (+52) 55 5905 1000, ext. 51509, 51523, or 51532. For information about Mexico’s organic program, please visit [SENASICA’s website](#).

PROFECO is responsible for verification and enforcement of organic products at the retail level, based on lodged complaints. PROFECO may be contacted with questions at (+52) 55 5625 6700, ext. 16968. PROFECO also [offers advisory services \(asesoría FF-PROFECO-010\)](#) to entities unsure of their product’s compliance with existing legislation and regulations. For information about the verification and enforcement program, please visit [PROFECO’s website](#).

The USDA FAS office has summarized roles and responsibilities above based on input from SENASICA and PROFECO as of December 2021. Questions on specific products should be directed to the point of contact for Mexico’s regulatory offices.

Attachments:

No Attachments.