

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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Report Name: Update - Organic Products Imported into Mexico before LPO Enforcement Deadline are Safe

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Post: Mexico City

Report Category: Special Certification - Organic/Kosher/Halal, SP2 - Prevent or Resolve Barriers to Trade that Hinder U.S. Food and Agricultural Exports, Trade Policy Monitoring

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Report Highlights:

This report serves as an update to “Reminder - New Organic Product Requirements to Take Effect in January 2022” (GAIN report no. MX2021-0072) and to disseminate organic compliance information, as shared by the National Service for Food and Agricultural Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) . On November 30, 2021, SENASICA officials held a seminar to outline the work done in 2021 ahead of January 2022 enforcement of Mexico’s Organic Products Law (LPO). Among the topics covered were stream of commerce, new uses of the organic seal, and a review of the accreditation/certification process.

The purpose of this report is to expand on information in GAIN report “Reminder - New Organic Product Requirements to Take Effect in January 2022” ([MX2021-0072](#)) and to disseminate organic compliance information, as shared by the National Service for Food and Agricultural Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA).

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- On stream of commerce, SENASICA informed virtual attendees it will grandfather into LPO-compliance organic product legally imported into Mexico in 2021 that is then commercialized in Mexico after the January 1, 2022 LPO implementation deadline. In 2022, if such product is identified by the Consumer Protection Office (PROFECO) for non-compliance, the retailer should be able to produce documentation (invoice, certificate, etc.) proving the lot was imported before January 1, 2022.
- On new uses of the organic seal, SENASICA shared news of pending publication of the final voluntary labeling rubric in the *Diario Oficial*. The preliminary changes are outlined in GAIN report “Proposed Changes to Mexico Organic Labeling Use” ([MX2021-0046](#)). FAS Mexico City will publish a subsequent GAIN report with the *Diario Oficial* publication.
- On accreditation and certification, SENASICA reiterated the necessary steps to become certified under the LPO, including working with [certifiers approved by SENASICA](#) who must be based in Mexico. SENASICA also demonstrated its [new, interactive statistical interface](#) (*Tablero de Control de las Operaciones Orgánicas*), which allows consultation of organic production in Mexico by state and by product.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.