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Report Highlights:

In May 2021, Mexico posted a draft proposal to the National Commission of Regulatory Improvement (CONAMER) website to modify the “Measure that establishes the merchandise whose importation is subject to regulation by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development” (the Measure). The modification aims to extend the deadline for imported organic products listed in the Measure to comply with Mexico’s Organic Products Law (LPO) from June 2021 to January 2022. Stakeholders may comment on the proposal through the CONAMER website before final publication in the Federal Gazette (Diario Oficial).

Background

In December 2020, Mexico published [a Measure](#) to implement its Organic Products Law (LPO) for imported products by June 2021 – see [FAS GAIN MX2021-0023](#). Organic products exported from the United States to Mexico and listed by HS codes in [the Measure](#) would be required to show certification to the LPO to continue accessing Mexico’s organic market. The deadline to comply with these certification requirements established in [the Measure](#) was June 26, 2021. Stakeholders have requested an extension to the deadline, citing difficulties in fully complying by that date.

Proposed Extension

On April 28, 2021, SADER and Economía [filed a proposal](#) with the National Commission of Regulatory Improvement (CONAMER) to modify [the Measure’s](#) Fourth Transitory article to state a new LPO compliance deadline for imported products as January 1, 2022 instead of June 26, 2021. On May 6, 2021, the proposal was posted to the [CONAMER website](#) and the modification reads as follows:

[As posted in Spanish] *Se modifica el artículo CUARTO Transitorio del Acuerdo que establece las mercancías cuya importación está sujeta a regulación por parte de la Secretaría de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural, así como la emisión del Certificado de origen para la exportación del café, publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 26 de diciembre de 2020, por lo que lo dispuesto en el Artículo Séptimo del citado Acuerdo entrará en vigor a partir del 1 de enero de 2022.*

[Courtesy Translation to English] *The FOURTH Transitory Article of the “Measure that establishes the merchandise whose importation is subject to regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development” is modified, as well as the issuance of the Certificate of Origin for the export of coffee, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on December 26, 2020, so the provisions of Article Seven of the aforementioned Agreement will enter into force as of January 1, 2022.*

The proposal mentions that considering the challenges of the global pandemic, which affect some organic certification processes and ongoing equivalency discussions with trading partners, it is necessary to modify the Fourth Transitory article of [the Measure](#). The aim is to avoid trade disruptions in exports of organic products from other countries to Mexico while also strengthening the development of Mexico’s organic production sector and its supply chains across international borders.

The proposal is open for comments the [CONAMER website](#) from any stakeholder, domestic or international, for an undetermined period before its publication in the Federal Gazette (*Diario Oficial*) makes the policy final.

U.S. organic certifiers and organic exporters to Mexico must continue working with SADER to become certified to the LPO standards well in advance of January 2022. For questions and concerns regarding Mexico's organic certification and commercialization, contact SADER staff by email at info.orgánicos@senasica.gob.mx or by telephone at (+52) 55 5905 1000, ext. 51509, 51523, or 51532. For presentations and other resources on Mexico's organics program please visit [SENASICA's website](#).

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Attachments:

No Attachments.