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Report Highlights:

On October 20, 2017, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's Federal Register (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) a draft regulation to establish a domestic beef grading system. There is a 60 day comment period. This follows publication on SAGARPA's website which was reported in GAIN report MX7043. The grading system will have a domestic impact and may affect beef and beef products intended for export.

Please refer to GAIN report [MX7043](#) for a summary, analysis, and courtesy translation of selected parts of the draft NOM.

General information

On October 20, 2017, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's Federal Register (*Diario Oficial de la Federación - DOF*) the draft of a Mexican Official Norm (NOM), "PROY-NOM-004-SAGARPA-2017," for comments. This would establish a domestic beef grading system in Mexico.

This draft NOM was initially posted on SAGARPA's website on October 9, 2017.

Title of the publication: PROY-NOM-004-SAGARPA-2017: "Beef – Classification of Carcasses According to Their Physiological Maturity and Marbling"

Date of publication on the DOF website: October 20, 2017.

Comment period: 60-calendar days from publication in the DOF¹ (or prior to December 18, 2017). Comments must be in Spanish and provide scientific and technical evidence. Comments may be delivered physically (Avenida Municipio Libre No. 377 piso 4 Ala A, Colonia Santa Cruz Atoyac, Delegación Benito Juárez, en la Ciudad de México, C.P. 03310) or sent via e-mail to juan.linares@sagarpa.gob.mx.

FAS Comments

Upon review of the publication of "PROY-NOM-004-SAGARPA-2017," in the DOF, Post determined that there are no substantial differences from the draft posted on SAGARPA's website on October 9, 2017.

This NOM, if eventually passed, will have a domestic impact, and may affect beef and beef products intended for exports. No impacts on imports are foreseen at this time.

Readers are encouraged to refer to [MX7043](#) for further details.

¹ http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5502036&fecha=20/10/2017