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Report Highlights:

The Government of Mexico issued a Federal Register notice on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, listing products and goods requiring an approved import permit prior to entry that must be issued by the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) of the Secretariat of Health (SALUD). The measure provides COFEPRIS with greater authority to monitor and trace a number of food, pharmaceutical, and chemical products that are imported into or exported from Mexico.

General Information:

This report summarizes an announcement from the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on October 16, 2012, for the classification of goods and products whose import, export, entrance or exit is regulated by SALUD.

Post Comment:

This Federal Register announcement is not implementing or amending any existing regulations. As mentioned, above, Mexico's sanitary authorities are attempting to cope with technological and industrial advances as well as changing business and trade patterns. Post does not foresee any additional impact on U.S. goods and products exported to Mexico. However, Post strongly recommends that interested parties review the whole text of this agreement as it may contain other detailed important information on a specific basis. The publication can be found in the [DOF](#) page.

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: Agreement that establishes the classification and codification of goods and products whose import, export, entrance or exit is subject to SALUD for sanitary regulation.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: October 16, 2012
2. **Effective Date:** October 30, 2012 (ten working days after publication)

Executive Summary:

On October 16, 2012, SE announced an agreement that establishes the classification and codification of goods and products whose import, export, entrance or exit is subject to sanitary regulation by SALUD. This measure is intended to provide COFEPRIS with the means to control and monitor certain food and beverage, tobacco, biotechnological products, food supplements, as well as certain raw material and additives. Pharmaceutical and pre-cursor products are also subject to this announcement, but the Foreign Agricultural Service at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City is limiting its coverage to food and agricultural products under its purview.

Important Provisions:

Article 1 of the announcement establishes the classification and codification of goods and products subject to sanitary import authorization prior to entering the country. In other words, companies will need an approved import permit prior to presenting these products for entry into Mexico.

Items under Article 1, Chapter A (see table, below), will require sanitary import authorization when such products are intended for human consumption or for commercial use to prepare food for human consumption. This applies to items imported for permanent, temporary, or in-bond use in Mexico.

On a yearly basis, SALUD will review the list of commodities in order to ensure the list remains valuable. SALUD will eliminate or add goods and products from the list, as necessary, in order to deal with industrial and technological advances as well as changing business and trade patterns.

H.T.S	Description
<i>From</i>	
0301.91.01	Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus aguabonita</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus gilae</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> y <i>Oncorhynchus chrysogaster</i>).
<i>to</i>
0308.90.99	Other (See DOF publication for the complete Spanish list)

0401.10.01	Milk And Cream, Not Concentrated Nor Sweetened, Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Not Exceeding 1%. In Airtight Containers.
0401.10.99	Other.
0401.20.01	Milk And Cream, Not Concentrated Nor Sweetened, Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Exceeding 1% But Not Exceeding 6%. In Airtight Containers.
0401.20.99	Other.
0401.40.01	Milk And Cream Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Exceeding 6% But Not Exceeding 10%, Not Concentrated Nor Containing Added Sugar Or Other Sweetening Matter. In Airtight Containers.
0401.40.99	Other.
0401.50.01	Milk And Cream Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Exceeding 10%, Not Concentrated Nor Containing Added Sugar Or Other Sweetening Matter. In Airtight Containers.
0401.50.99	Other.
0402.10.01	Milk and Cream, Concentrated, Whether Or Not Sweetened, In Powder, Granules Or Other Solid Forms, Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Not Exceeding 1.5%. Milk In Powder Or Tablet Form.
0402.10.99	Other.
0402.21.01	Milk And Cream, Concentrated, Not Sweetened, In Powder, Granules Or Other Solid Forms, Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Exceeding 1.5%. Milk In Powder Or Tablet Form.
0402.21.99	Other.
0402.29.99	Milk And Cream, Concentrated, Sweetened, In Powder, Granules Or Other Solid Forms, Of A Fat Content, By Weight, Exceeding 1.5%. Other.
0402.91.01	Milk And Cream, Concentrated, Not Sweetened, Nesoi.
0402.91.99	Other.
0402.99.01	Milk And Cream, Sweetened, Whether Or Not Concentrated, Nesoi.
0402.99.99	Other.
0403.10.01	Yoghurt.

0403.90.99	Other.
0404.10.01	Dehydrated Milk Whey, With A Protein Content Equal To Or Less Than 125%.
0404.10.99	Other.
0404.90.99	Products Consisting of Natural Milk Constituents, whether Or Not Sweetened, Nesoi. Other.
0405.10.01	Butter, Weighing (Including The Immediate Container) Not More Than 1 Kg.
0405.10.99	Other.
0405.20.01	Dairy Spreads.
0405.90.01	Dehydrated Butyric Fat.
0405.90.99	Other.
0406.10.01	Fresh (Unripened Or Uncured) Cheese, Including Whey Cheese, And Curd.
0406.20.01	Grated Or Powdered Cheese, Of All Kinds.
0406.30.01	Processed Cheese, Not Grated Or Powdered, With A Fat Content By Weight Not Exceeding 36% And With A Fat Content By Dry Weight Exceeding 48%, In Containers > 1Kg.
0406.30.99	Other.
0406.40.01	Blue-Veined Cheese.
0406.90.01	Of Hard Paste Cheese Known As Sardo, When Indicated In The Package.
0406.90.02	Of Hard Paste, Known As Reggiano Or Reggianito, When Indicated In The Package.
0406.90.03	Of Soft Paste, Colonia Type, When Its Composition Is: Moisture: 35.5% To 37.7%, Ash: 3.2% To 3.3%, Fat: 29.0% To 30.8%, Protein: 25.0% To 27.5%, Chlorine:1.3% to 2.7%, pH in lactic acid: 0.8% to 0.9%.
0406.90.04	Hard Or Semihard, With A Fat Content Of Not More Than 40% By Weight: Only Grana Or Parmegiano-Reggiano, With A Water Content By Weight les or equal to 47%; Danbo, Edam, Fontal, Fontina, Fynbo, Gouda, Havarti, Maribo, Samsoe, Esrom, Itálico, Kernhem, Saint-Nectaire, Saint-Paulin o Taleggio With A Fat Content Of Not More Than 40% By Weight:In Non-Fat Matters > to 47% but < to 72%.
0406.90.05	Petit Suisse Kind, When Its Composition Is: Moisture: 68% To 70%, Fat: 6% To 8% (In Moist Base), Dry Matter: 30% To 32%, Minimum Protein: 6%, And Ferments with or without fruits, sugars, vegetables, chocolate or honey.
0406.90.06	Egmont Kind, With The Following Characteristics: Minimum Fat Content (In Dry Matter): 45%, Maximum Moisture: 40%, Minimum Dry Matter: 60%, Minimum Salt in moisture 3.9%.
0406.90.99	Other.
1603.00.01	Extracts Of Meat.
1603.00.99	Other. Only: containing extracts of meat.

1702.19.01	Lactose.
1901.10.01	Food Preparations For Infant Use, Put Up For Retail Sale, Nesoi. Containing More Than 10% Of Milk Solids, By Weight.
1901.90.03	Preparations Based On Dairy Products With A Dairy Solid Content Of More Than 10%, But Containing Less Or Equal To 50% By Weight, Excluding Those In Item 19019004.
1901.90.04	Preparations Based On Dairy Products With Dairy Solid Content Of More Than 10%, Put Up In Containers For Retail Sale, Whose Label Includes Instruction.
1901.90.05	Preparations Based On Dairy Products With A Dairy Solid Content Of More Than 50% By Weight, Excluding Those In Item 19019004.
2005.60.01	Asparagus, Prepared Or Preserved Otherwise Than By Vinegar Or Acetic Acid, Not Frozen.
2005.80.01	Sweet corn (<i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i>).
2104.10.01	Soups And Broths And Preparations Thereof. Only: those containing extracts of bovine meat.
3501.10.01	Casein.
3501.90.02	Caseinates.
3501.90.99	Other.
3502.11.01	Egg Albumin, Dried.
3502.19.99	Other Egg Albumin, except Dried.
3503.00.01	Gelatin, Excluding Those Of Tariff Items 35030003 And 35030004. Only: Of bovine.

Additional Information:

Importers and Exporters of merchandise listed in this agreement must present jointly with customs documentation, the sanitary import or export authorization issued to them. In case of goods and products entering or exiting the country, the authorization must accompany the sanitary announcement.

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For More Information

FAS/Mexico Web Site: We are available at www.mexico-usda.com or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at www.fas.usda.gov for a complete selection of FAS worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx, the equivalent of the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx, and the equivalent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the reader's

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