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### **Mexico Initiates an Anti-Dumping Investigation on U.S. Apples**

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**Report Highlights:**

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## General Information:

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## 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 resolution 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 resolution or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**Title of Notice:** "Resolution to accept the petition on behalf of the interested party and declare the initiation of an antidumping investigation on imports of apples from the United States, independent of the country where the apples originate from. The merchandise enters under the tariff code 0808.10.01 of the General Import Tax Law"

**Type of Resolution:** Initial investigation on antidumping claims.

## Important Dates

1. Publication Date: December 4, 2014
2. Start of Public Comment Period: Initial questionnaires must be submitted within 28 **working** days from publication date of this official announcement. FAS is awaiting confirmation from the Government of Mexico on the official deadline, currently estimated to be January 16, 2015.
3. Timeframe for the investigation: January 1, 2013-December 31, 2013
4. Timeframe for analysis of damages: January 1, 2011-December 31, 2013

**Products Affected:** All apple varieties in tariff code 0808.10.01.

**Agency in Charge:** International Commercial Practices Unit (UPCI), Secretariat of Economy (Economía)

## Notice Summary:

On December 4, 2014, Economía published a notice in the *Diario Oficial* announcing an anti-dumping investigation of apples from the United States exported to Mexico. The investigation is in response to a petition submitted to UPCI by the Unión Agrícola Regional de Fruticultores del Estado de Chihuahua, (*UNIFRUT*). The petitioners allege price discrimination and claim that U.S. apples are entering the Mexican market at below fair market value.

Exporters, importers and other interested parties have twenty-eight (28) working days from December 4,

2014 to respond to questionnaires from Economía.

**To participate in the investigation**

All interested parties, companies or associations must complete the UPCI application to participate. This application may be obtained from the UPCI office located at Insurgentes Sur 1940, Colonia Florida, C.P. 01030, Mexico D.F. between 9:00 A.M. to 14:00 or from the following web-site: ([application](#)).

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

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