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Assessment Procedure

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Report Highlights:

On January 31, 2022, Mexico published in its Federal Gazette (the Diario Oficial) the final draft of the cheese conformity assessment procedure (CAP) under "NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Cheese". Once entered into force, the cheese CAP will provide the procedure for determining whether cheese products meet Mexican national standards. The draft is open for public comments through April 1, 2022.

General Information:

On January 31, 2022, Mexico published in its *Diario Oficial* (Federal Gazette) the final draft of the conformity assessment procedure (CAP) for the national standard NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018, Cheese. The final draft NOM-223 CAP is available in Spanish at https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5641669&fecha=31/01/2022.

The objective of CAP NOM-223 is to establish the procedures to determine whether the products covered by NOM-223-SCFI/SAGARPA-2018 comply with the national standard. The NOM-223 CAP will apply to all cheese sold in Mexico regardless of whether the products are for further processing or for sale in retail or wholesale channels. The final CAP NOM-223 must be harmonized with the current labeling regulation [NOM-051-SCGI/SSA1-2010](#), among other regulations.

The final draft NOM-223 cheese CAP is open for public comments for a 60-day period that begins on January 31, 2022. For consideration, public comments must be submitted in writing to the Secretariat of Economy at “Calle Pachuca número 189, Colonia Condesa, Demarcación Territorial Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 06140, Ciudad de México” in Mexico or via email to dgn.alimentaria@economia.gob.mx with a copy to jespinosa@agricultura.gob.mx and homobono.perea@agricultura.gob.mx. The Government of Mexico (GOM) is expected to consider all written comments received by the deadline.

A simultaneous notification is expected through the [WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee](#) for comment by trading partners and stakeholders.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.