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PLAN FOR THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NAPPO STANDARDS

1. Name of Standards

RSPM N ° 3, *Requirements for Importation of Potatoes into a NAPPO Member Country*

2. Country Reporting

Mexico

3. Relevant Authority 3.1 Current Authority

A: Legislate Authority: Yes. *Ley Federal de Sanidad Vegetal and Ley Federal sobre Metrología y Normalización.*

B: Regulatory Authority: Yes. The following Mexican Official Standards and other rules specify the requirements for production and trade of seed and fresh market potatoes:

- *Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-012-FITO-1996, por la que se establece la cuarentena exterior para prevenir la introducción de plagas de la papa* [for the establishment of foreign quarantine to prevent potato pest introductions]. (Published in the Official Gazette on 13/02/96).
- *Modification to the Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-012-FITO-1996, por la que se establece la cuarentena exterior para prevenir la introducción de plagas de la papa.* [for the establishment of foreign quarantine to prevent potato pest introductions]. (Published in the Official Gazette on 17/02/03).
- *Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-025-FITO-2000, para el establecimiento de zonas bajo protección y zonas libres de plagas cuarentenarias de la papa* [for the establishment of areas under protection and pest free areas for potato quarantine pests]. (Published in the Official Gazette on 12/06/00).
- *Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-040-FITO-2002, requisitos y especificaciones para la producción y movilización nacional de papa comercial.* [requirements and specifications for the production and domestic movement of commercial potatoes] (Published in the Official Gazette on 21/02/03).
- *Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-041-FITO-2002, requisitos y especificaciones fitosanitarios para la producción de material propagativo asexual de papa.* [phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the production of potato asexual propagative material] [Published in the Official Gazette on 04/03/03).
- Workplans for the importation of potatoes.

- Phytosanitary Requirements Sheets (HRF).

In accordance with NOM-012-FITO-1996, importation of potatoes from the United States and Canada is allowed subject to compliance of requirements in the Workplan and Phytosanitary Requirements Sheets. HRF are also used for importation of seed potatoes for planting (seed tubers) from Canada, applying the phytosanitary measures specified in the workplan signed by phytosanitary officials from both countries.

3.2.- Revisions to authority

It is necessary to revise the NOM-012-FITO-1996 to adjust it to the specifications in RSPM N ° 3, *Requirements for Importation of Potatoes into a NAPPO Member Country*.

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Modification to the NOM-012-FITO-1996 to eliminate the quarantine that currently prevents the importation of seed potatoes from United States.

It is estimated that this modification will be published in the Official Gazette in July 2005 for public comments.

Estimated date of publication in the Official Gazette as a final rule on December 2006.

5. Implementation of standard

Importation of seed potato from Canada to Mexico is allowed according to a previously agreed Workplan.

Entry of potato for consumption from United States and Canada is presently allowed.

Once the proposed modification is included in the final rule, a Bilateral Workplan may be developed for trade of seed potato with United States. It is estimated that this Workplan could be implemented in 2007.