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SAGARPA Declares Some Nuevo Leon Counties Fruit Fly Free

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on February 22, 2012, an agreement declaring some counties of the state of Nuevo Leon as areas free of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* (most importantly MexFly), effective February 23, 2012.

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published by SAGARPA in Mexico's *Diario Oficial* on February 22, 2012, declaring some counties of the state of Nuevo Leon as areas free of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine importance.

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: <u>Agreement</u> Declaring the Counties of Dr. Arroyo, Mier and Noriega, and Villaldama from the state of Nuevo Leon as Areas Free of Fruit Flies of the Genus *Anastrepha* of Quarantine Importance.

Executive Summary: SAGARPA published an announcement in the *Diario Oficial*, on February 22, 2012, declaring the counties of Dr. Arroyo, Mier and Noriega, and Villaldama from the State of Nuevo Leon as areas free of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine importance. The official regulations used for the establishment of the pest free zone are: NOM-075-FITO-1997 that establishes the phytosanitary requirements to move fruit hosts of fruit flies and NOM-023-FITO-1995 that establishes the National Campaign against Fruit Flies.

MexFly is the most significant Anastrepha of quarantine importance in Mexico.

This announcement affects 16 hectares planted with apples with an approximate production of 32 metric tons (MT) as well as 293 hectares planted to peaches with an approximate production of 197 MT. Mexico's self-designation of fruit fly freedom in this case does not imply the concurrence of regulatory agencies from other international trading partners.

Important Dates

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