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### **Mexico Announces Small Area in Puebla Free of Avian Influenza**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) announced on September 29, 2009, in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) that the region of San Martin Atexcal of Puebla state is free of avian influenza.

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement concerning avian influenza prevalence in the region of San Martin Atexcal of Puebla. The announcement was published in Mexico's

“Diario Oficial” (Federal Register) on September 29, 2009, and declared that region as free of avian influenza (AI).

**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:** Decree that declares the region of San Martin Atexcal from the Municipality of Atexcal, Puebla, as free of avian influenza.

### **Important Dates**

1. Publication Date: September 29, 2009
2. Enforcement Date: September 30, 2009

**FAS/Mexico’s Executive Summary:** The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) on September 29, 2009, an announcement that reported the efforts of the GOM, the State Governments of Puebla, and the producers of the region of San Martin Atexcal to develop and implement sanitary measures for the diagnosis, control, eradication and epidemiological surveillance of AI. Through epidemiological sampling of 100 percent of all poultry farms in production and a representative sample of the backyard production as prescribed in NOM-044-ZOO-1995, “National Campaign against Avian Influenza”, the surveillance activities confirmed the absence of the AI etiological agent. Thus, SAGARPA officially declared the region of San Martin Atexcal free of AI.

The free zones benefit San Martin Atexcal poultry producers, and the trade and transit of poultry products from this area may flow without restrictions.

This decree establishes that in order to maintain the region of San Martin Atexcal as free of avian influenza the sanitary measures of prevention, control, diagnosis, epidemiological surveillance, movement control, transportation, transit, trade and traceability of poultry products and tools utilized in the poultry production should be conducted according to NOM-044-ZOO-1995.

**Comment:** NOM-044-ZOO-1995, “National Campaign against Avian Influenza”, states that the definition free of AI includes all diseases caused by influenza type A, part of the orthomyxoviridae family. Thus, the declaration of AI free areas by the government is part of an effort to eradicate and to elevate the status of disease-free areas within Mexico. Obtaining international acceptance of this sanitary status will take some time, but this decree encourages poultry production and helps its profitability.

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