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Report Highlights:

Mexico announces draft changes to labeling requirements in Mexican Official Standard NOM-086-SSA1-1994, Goods and Services titled, "Food and non-alcoholic beverages with modifications in their composition. Nutritional Specifications. Statements of nutritional and health properties for food and non-alcoholic beverages. Health provisions and nutritional specifications." The new requirements have not yet been published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) and the date of publication remains unknown. However, U.S. exporters are encouraged to comment on the proposed modifications before the official publication date is released.

General Information:

This report outlines the upcoming publication of the Mexican labeling requirements for food and non-alcoholic beverages with modifications in their composition and nutrition specifications. The new requirements have not yet been published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) and the date of publication remains unknown. U.S. exporters are encouraged to comment on the new modifications before their official publication. Opportunities for comment have been made available through the Commission of Evidence and Risk Management (CEMAR) at The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risk (COFEPRIS).

Proposed changes to NOM-086 will establish the rules and guidelines for nutritional properties statements that will be included on food and non-alcoholic beverages with or without a modification in their composition. This law is mandatory throughout Mexican territory for all individuals and entities engaged in the processing and/or import of products that include nutritional and/or health property statements on labels, to be marketed in said territory

Although the official modifications have not been published in the *Diario Oficial*, initiating the official official sixty-day comment period for industry, CEMAR has granted U.S. exporters the opportunity to comment on the proposed modifications before publication. These comments will be utilized for internal review only and, therefore, U.S. exporters will not receive any official response. Official responses will be disbursed when comments are submitted after the publication of the revised NOM-086 in the *Diario Oficial*. Because the date of publication remains unknown, CEMAR has not set an official deadline for comment. However, we urge U.S. exporters to submit their comments as soon as possible and we recommend the following:

1. Comments should be written in Spanish;
Comments should be sent in an official signed letter (Comments will still be accepted via e-mail);
3. Include specific references to sections or articles of NOM 086 that are at issue.

Comments should be directed to:

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Attached you will find the original Spanish draft of the proposed changes being considered to NOM 086 and an unofficial courtesy English translation.

