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### Mexico Publishes New Regulations for Eggs and Egg Products

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 16, 2018, the Secretariat of Health published the Official Norm, NOM-159-SSA1-2016, in Mexico's Federal Register. This long-expected norm establishes regulations and sanitary specifications, as well as the testing methods for eggs and egg products to be marketed in Mexico. It replaces NOM-159-SSA1-1996, which was published on December 2, 1999.

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## **General information**

On January 16, 2018, Mexico's Secretariat of Health published the Mexican Official Norm, NOM-159-SSA1-2016, in Mexico's Federal Register (Diario Oficial de la Federación, DOF). This long-expected norm establishes regulations and sanitary specifications as well as the testing methods for eggs and egg products to be marketed in Mexico. It replaces NOM-159-SSA1-1996, which was published on December 2, 1999.

NOM-159-SSA1-2016 was originally published as a draft norm on April 29, 2016 in the DOF for comments under PROY-NOM-159-SSA1-2015. The notification on January 16, 2018, notes collaboration with various government, academic, and private sector entities in the development of this norm. Eggs and egg products must also comply with the provisions of the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS), "Regulations for Sanitary Control of Products and Services.

**Title of the publication:** NOM-159-SSA1-2016: "Products and services. Eggs and egg products. Regulations and sanitary specifications. Testing methods."

**Link:** [http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota\\_detalle.php?codigo=5510622&fecha=16/01/2018](http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5510622&fecha=16/01/2018)

**Date of publication in the DOF:** January 16, 2018.

**Enforcement:** 60-calendar days after publication in the DOF, except chapters 6.1.23 and 10 which will be enforced after 180-calendar days.

## **Highlights**

This norm covers all eggs and egg products commercialized in Mexico, including traded eggs. One of the most important changes is an obligation for producers egg products to implement a "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points – HACCAP" program (6.1.23). Another important requirement is that the cold chain of shell eggs and processed products once refrigerated (both domestic and imported) must be maintained until reaching distribution/sale to the consumer (6.2.1.5; 6.2.2).

Shell eggs (table eggs), should not be washed (6.1.7), and should be free of blood and feces (6.2.1.1). However, eggs entering industrial processing must be washed in accordance with the provisions in the norm (6.1.9; 6.1.10). Shell eggs which appear broken should be disposed of immediately unless entering an industrial process (6.1.8).

Once reaching the “best before” date, shell eggs must be destined for industrial purposes upon going under thermal processing for food safety (6.2.1.4). The same applies to processed egg products. The norm also specifies traceability requirements, as well as testing methods.

### **FAS Comments**

While this norm will apply to imported product, impact to imports of U.S. eggs and egg products is not foreseen as they already comply with existing U.S. regulations. Provisions in the new Mexican norm regarding HAACP at domestic processing facilities are in line with those currently applied in the United States. This norm may impact domestic Mexican producers of processed egg products.

## Other Relevant Reports

Report Number	Title
<a href="#">MX7034</a>	Poultry and Eggs are Pillars of Production
<a href="#">MX7008</a>	Mexico Reacts to an HPAI outbreak in the United States
<a href="#">MX7002</a>	Vertical Integration Bolsters the Mexican Poultry Industry

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