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Mexico Revises NOM-013 After Finding Rice Kernel Smut

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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 April 21, 2011, a [draft amendment](#) that modifies the foreign quarantine requirements designed to prevent the introduction of rice pests. The amendment is based on monitoring information that suggests rice kernel smut (*Tilletia barclayana*) exists in Mexico and, as such, imports of rice from the United States should not require methyl bromide treatment.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes a SAGARPA announcement published in Mexico’s Federal Register on April 21, 2011, that amends Mexican Official Standard NOM-013-FITO-1995, which establishes the foreign quarantine requirements designed to prevent the introduction of rice pests. Although the announcement states that this is a “draft” Amendment, SAGARPA sources insist this is a final amendment. Consequently, this amendment entered into force on April 22, 2011.

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: Draft Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-013-FITO-1995, establishing the external quarantine requirements to prevent the introduction of rice pests.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: April 21, 2011
2. Enforcement Date: April 22, 2011

Executive Summary: On April 21, 2011, SAGARPA published in Mexico’s Federal Register a draft amendment to the Mexican Official Standard NOM-013-FITO-1995. The amendment states that based on monitoring information collected by SAGARPA, it was determined that rice kernel smut (*Tilletia barclayana*) currently exists in most rice-producing states of the country. Consequently, Mexico should classify rice kernel smut as a non-quarantine pest, and imported rice shipments should not require phytosanitary treatment (for further information see 2010 GAIN report [MX0089](#) *December Grain and Feed Update* and 2009 GAIN reports [MX9003](#) *Rice Instructions* and [MX9007](#) *2009 Grain and Feed Annual*).

Specifically, this amendment indicates that rice kernel smut should be eliminated from the quarantine pests listed under paragraph 4.1 Products of absolute quarantine of the NOM-013-FITO-1995.

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