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Mexico consolidates labeling requirements for milk and hams

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Report Highlights:

On March 14, 2011, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's Federal Register) amendments to the regulations for milk, lacteal formula, combined dairy products and hams which will be effective on June 2, 2011. Changes were made to consolidate NOM-155 and NOM-158 with NOM-051, food labeling regulation (NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2010 General labeling specifications for pre-packaged food products and non-alcoholic beverages -- Commercial and sanitary information. Published in the *Diario Oficial* on April 5, 2010)

General Information:

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 resolution in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the case of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete resolution or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Titles of Notices:

1. “[Resolution to modify NOM-155-SCFI-2003](#), Milk, lacteal formula, combined dairy products. Physical-chemical specifications, commercial information and test methods.”
2. “[Resolution to modify NOM-158-SCFI-2003](#), Hams. Commercial classification; physical-chemical, microbiological, and organoleptic specifications, commercial information and test methods”.

Type of Resolution: Modification of regulations

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: March 14, 2011
2. Effective Date: June 2, 2011

Products Affected: Milk, lacteal formula, combined dairy products, and hams

Agency in Charge: General Direction of Regulations, Secretariat of Economy (SE)

Summary:

On March 14, 2011, SE published two notices in the *Diario Oficial* announcing changes to the following regulations:

- NOM-155-SCFI-2003, Milk, lacteal formula, combined dairy products. Physical-chemical specifications, commercial information and test methods. Published in the *Diario Oficial* on September 12, 2003. (NOM-155).
- NOM-158-SCFI-2003, Hams. Commercial classification; physical-chemical, microbiological, and organoleptic specifications, commercial information and test methods. Published in the *Diario Oficial* on August 14, 2003. (NOM-158).

The purpose of these notices is to consolidate NOM-155 and NOM-158 regulations with last year’s published changes contained within NOM-051. These amendments to NOM-155 and NOM-158 simplify, and eliminate the confusion between these NOMs and NOM-051.

Key changes to NOM-155:

1. The regulation that previously excluded products under NOM-155 from fulfill NOM-051 regulations was removed,
2. Eleven definitions in the NOM-155 were changed to match those contained in NOM-051,
3. States all milk, lacteal formula and combined dairy products have to comply with the labeling requirements contained in the NOM-051,
4. Enforcement of NOM-155 will be a shared responsibility of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (part of the Secretariat of Economy) and the Federal Commission for Sanitary Risk Protection (part of the

Secretariat of Health) according to Mexican regulatory authorities.

Key changes to NOM-158:

1. The definitions contained in NOM-051 are applicable to NOM-158,
2. States all hams have to comply with the labeling requirements contained in the NOM-051. In addition, the four requirements applicable to hams from NOM-158, remain unchanged,
3. Enforcement NOM-158 will be a shared responsibility of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (part of the Secretariat of Economy) and the Federal Commission for Sanitary Risk Protection (part of the Secretariat of Health), The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA), and the Secretariat de Hacienda (Mexican’s Secretariat of Treasury) according to Mexican regulatory authorities.

OAA-Mexico Comment:

The publishing of these notices is an effort of the Government of Mexico to consolidate all labeling regulations with NOM-051. This is a welcomed effort which will remove confusion about labeling regulations when each of the NOMs contains conflicting labeling requirements. At this time, it is clear that NOM-051 will be the standard regulation used for labeling of consumer goods. Moreover, U.S. exporters are not facing any new additional regulations for the labeling of milk, lacteal formula, combined dairy products and hams.

For More Information

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| MX0020 | NOM 51 Labeling Requirements | 04/09/10 |
| MX0076 | New Mexican Regulation for Milk and Milk products | 10/18/10 |
| MX0514 | Mexico Issues Notice on NOM-051 Labeling Revisions | 12/20/10 |
| MX0075 | Dairy and Products Annual | 10/18/10 |

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx, the equivalent of the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx, and the equivalent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the reader's convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.