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Sonora Declared Potato Pest Free State

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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 January 26, 2011, an agreement declaring the State of Sonora as a zone free from the Columbia root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*). This agreement will be effective on January 27, 2011.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published by SAGARPA in Mexico’s *Diario Oficial* on January 26, 2011, declaring the State of Sonora as free from the Columbia root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*).

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: Agreement Declaring the State of Sonora as Free From the Columbia Root-Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*).

Executive Summary: SAGARPA published an announcement in the *Diario Oficial*, on January 26, 2011, declaring the State of Sonora as a zone free from the Columbia root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*). The official regulations used for the establishment of the pest free zone are: NOM-025-FITO-2000 and NOM-069-FITO-1995.

Phytosanitary measures that will be applied to prevent and protect the zone so that it remains free of the nematode are established in accordance with the Federal Law of Plant Health, NOM-040-FITO-2002, which regulates the requirements and mobilization of marketable domestic potatoes, and NOM-041-FITO-2002, which regulates the phytosanitary specifications for the production of asexual propagative material.

Important Dates

- 1. **Publication Date:** January 26, 2011
- 2. **Effective Date:** January 27, 2011

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