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Sorghum Ergot Measures Repealed

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Report Highlights:

Report Highlights: On, December 13, 2010, the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published an announcement in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) repealing the Official Mexican Regulations NOM-078-FITO-2000, which established the phytosanitary regulation to prevent and deter the spread of sorghum ergot. This cancellation is part of Mexico's efforts to streamline regulatory procedures and eliminate unnecessary measures.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement issued by SAGARPA in Mexico’s *Diario Oficial* on December 13, 2010, to repeal Official Mexican Regulation NOM-078-FITO-2000, which established the phytosanitary regulations to prevent and deter the spread of sorghum ergot.

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.

Titles: Notice of Repeal of Official Mexican Regulation NOM-078-FITO-2000, which established phytosanitary regulations to prevent and deter the spread of sorghum ergot.

Executive Summary: SAGARPA published in the *Diario Oficial*, an announcement repealing Official Mexican Regulation NOM-078-FITO-2000, which established phytosanitary regulations to prevent and deter the spread of sorghum ergot. As previously reported (See GAIN Report [MX0045](#)), the Government of Mexico announced on April 9, 2010, its plans to increase its legislative efficiency by eliminating a wide variety of standards and streamlining others. One of the regulations scheduled for repeal was NOM-078.

Using risk analysis, the Government of Mexico has observed that ergot has different dispersion mechanisms that make its control and confinement to certain areas difficult. Despite the implementation of phytosanitary measures like the official regulation, NOM-078, results do not indicate that measures were effective in decreasing the presence of this disease. The Government of Mexico has observed that ergot is present in other potential host products that favor dispersion. In addition, according to the notice, the ergot pathogen is present in 20 states in Mexico where sorghum is cultivated.

Important Dates

- 1. **Publication Date:** December 13, 2010
- 2. **Effective Date:** December 14, 2010

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