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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 October 2003, has been received from the delegation of Mexico.

Amendment to Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-040-FITO-2003 Implementing the System to Prevent the Introduction, Spread and Establishment of the Cactus Moth (*Cactoblastis cactorum* Berg) in Mexican Territory, published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Official Journal) of 20 May 2003 and notified to the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures on 23 May 2003.

The Government of Mexico hereby informs Members of the World Trade Organization of an amendment to the above Emergency Mexican Official Standard, justified on the grounds that the insect referred to in its Scope of application is not present in Spain. The reference to "Spanish Islands" in the third "Whereas" clause should therefore be deleted and point 4.1 of this Standard amended. The correct reference is "Hispaniola", the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti and where the pest was detected.

In the light of the above, the decision was taken to amend the above Standard to read as follows:

Third "Whereas" clause:

*"The cactus moth (*Cactoblastis cactorum* Berg) has been reported in Australia, South Africa, Haiti, United States of America, Argentina, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Antigua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Mauritius, Hawaii, Cayman Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Zimbabwe and Namibia."*

Subparagraph 4.1: "Importation of *Opuntia* plants hosting *Cactoblastis cactorum* Berg":

"A ban has been established on the importation of the plants, plant products and by-products specified in this Standard under Purpose and scope of application from Australia, South Africa, Haiti, United States of America, Argentina, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Antigua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Mauritius, Hawaii, Cayman Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Zimbabwe, Namibia and all other countries where the cactus moth is detected."

The text of this Regulation and the amendment thereto may be obtained by sending an E-mail to cidgn@economia.gob.mx or from the National Enquiry Point, the contact details of which are as follows:

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