

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MEXICO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of the Economy Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: General Directorate of Standards/Ministry of the Economy (DGN/SE) Enquiry Point.
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): New motor vehicles - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-009-SCFI-2003. Determination, Allocation and Fixing of Vehicle Identification Numbers - Specifications (Suspension of Mexican Official Standard NOM-131-SCFI-1998, published on 6 July 1998) (11 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<p>Description of content: This Emergency Mexican Official Standard (NOM) establishes the specifications for the determination, allocation and fixing of motor vehicle identification numbers and is binding on all domestic manufacturers and assemblers of vehicles intended for the domestic market.</p> <p>With regard to imported vehicles intended for the domestic market, the importers are responsible for fulfilling the obligations set out in this Standard.</p> <p>This Standard is not applicable to vehicles considered as toys or other vehicles determined by the Ministry within its remit.</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</p> <p>This Emergency Mexican Official Standard (NOM) was issued to strengthen federal regulation of the import and marketing of new motor vehicles and thereby afford greater security and certainty to individuals engaging in commercial transactions involving such vehicles with a view to the trade liberalization scheduled for 1 January 2004, as of when new motor vehicles may be freely imported into Mexico by any natural or legal person.</p> <p>An effective mechanism and uniform language for identifying vehicles manufactured, assembled and marketed in or imported into national territory is both indispensable and urgently required in order to have a single identification number and be able to tackle the problems caused by the current lack of such an identifier, such as illegal entry and theft.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable (cont'd): This Emergency Standard will prevent any loss of control in breach of Mexican legislation and regulate the vehicle market. The above circumstances called for the issue of this Emergency Standard, pursuant to Article 48 of the Law on Metrology and Standardization.			
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Diario Oficial de la Federación</i> (Official Journal) of 26 November 2003 (available in Spanish).			
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10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable			
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body: Web site: www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85 (Standards catalogue) E-mail: cidgn@economia.gob.mx General Directorate of Standards: Tel.: (52-55) 5729-9300, Ext. 4156 Fax: (52-55) 5520-9715			