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#### Report Highlights:

**Emergency Regulation for Citrus Propagative Material \*Mexican Press Says U.S. to Allow Mexican Trucks Soon \*Reminder on Comments on Proposed Regulations\*Recent Reports Submitted by FAS/Mexico**

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Welcome to Hot Bites from Mexico, a weekly review of issues of interest to the US agricultural community. The topics covered in this report reflect developments in Mexico that have been garnered during travel around the country, reported in the media, or offered by host country officials and agricultural analysts. Readers should understand that press articles are included in this report to provide insights into the Mexican "mood" facing US agricultural exporters. Significant issues will be expanded upon in subsequent reports from this office.

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### **EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR CITRUS PROPAGATIVE MATERIAL**

The Mexican government implemented an emergency regulation to establish the phytosanitary requirements and specifications to produce and transport virus free citrus propagative material. Among other concerns, this regulation is issued because of the serious threat citrus viruses represent to the Mexican citrus industry. These regulations apply to citrus propagative material, production areas, transportation, and commercial growers. Imported genetic or propagative material should be imported by a Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), approved germplasm bank or institution. For additional information see report MX1012. (Source: Diario Oficial, 2/1/2001)

### **MEXICAN PRESS SAYS U.S. HIGHWAYS TO ALLOW MEXICAN TRUCKS SOON**

According to local news articles, a long-running trade dispute between the United States and Mexico over the safety of Mexican trucks may be nearing an end. A five-member arbitration panel set up under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) ruled this week on the U.S. government's refusal to allow Mexican trucks on American highways, as required under NAFTA. The panel ruled in favor of Mexico in a preliminary decision last November and on this occasion was expected to stick with its decision.

The Bush administration must decide whether to comply with the ruling or refuse and negotiate compensation with Mexico. Mexico estimates that about 14,000 trucks a day cross the border and that it has lost about US\$2 billion because of U.S. policy. (Source: The News, 02/06/01) (*FAS/Mexico Note: See Disclaimer above*)

### **REMINDER FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PENDING PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

There currently are no proposed regulations on which to comment.

**RECENT REPORTS SUBMITTED BY FAS/MEXICO**

<b>Report#</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>
MX1011	Mexico's Weekly Highlights and Hot Bites, Issue #5	02/02/2001
MX1012	Emergency Regulation for Citrus Propagative Material (NOM-EM-036-2000)	02/07/2001