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Fresh Deciduous Fruit

Mexico's Treasury Minister announces new ports of entry for U.S. Apples 2001

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Report Highlights:

On June 29, 2001, the Mexican government announced that imports of U.S. apples (0808.10.01) have been limited to the following Customs ports: Ciudad Juarez, Nogales, Ciudad Reynosa, Manzanillo and Tijuana. Reportedly, this measure is to control documentation in apple imports.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a final resolution published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on June 29, 2001.

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.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Treasury (SHCP) announced it will limit imports of apples from the United States to the following Customs ports: Ciudad Juarez, Nogales, Nogales, Ciudad Reynosa, Manzanillo and Tijuana. Apples are classified under the General Tariff Import Law number 0808.10.01. This announcement is part of 2000 Fiscal Year (FY) Miscellaneous for Foreign Trade and it is considered as Appendix 21.

With this announcement, SHCP eliminated the possibility to import U.S. apples through Nuevo Laredo custom port, in spite of the fact that Nuevo Laredo is one of the main import ports. Trade sources stated this announcement is part of the efforts to establish better control of apple crossing. Traditionally, domestic apple growers have complained against smuggling practices. Moreover, they alleged this measure's objective is only to control unfair practices, not affect trade flows, nor increase the cost of imports. Some importers, however, estimated that it is likely that this measure will increase the cost of their imported product.

Title: Annex 21 of the Miscellany Resolution of Foreign Trade for 2000. Authorized Customs to process the customs office ("Despacho aduanero") of certain type of products.

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates

1. **Publication Date:** June 29, 2001

2. **Effective Date:** June 29, 2001

Products Affected: Apples from the United States

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