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New Documentation Requirements for Imported Pork

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Report Highlights:

On January 8, 2004, the Mexican Customs Service announced new documentation requirements for imported pork from the United States.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on January 8, 2004.

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 in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on January 8, 2004, in Annex 18 of the General Regulations for Foreign Trade 2003, that specific data for imported pork meat must be included in the invoice or import documents to identify the product as explained below. Similar information has and is required for other agricultural products like, sugar, apples, and poultry meat.

Trade Concerns:

This additional documentation requirement is not expected to create significant problems for U.S. pork exporters because most of this information has been readily available on export documents in the past. However, this information is now mandatory and must be provided to Customs. Consequently, in the event that certain information was not regularly included in export documents in the past, exporters should now be prepared to add this information to relevant export documents.

Title: Sixth Resolution of Modification to the General Regulations for Foreign Trade 2003 and its Annexes 1, 4, 10, 14, 18, 21 and 23.

Important Dates

1. **Publication Date:** January 8, 2004
2. **Effective Date:** February 7, 2004

Information to be included on import documents:

The following is an unofficial English translation of "Annex 18 Rules of a General Character in Matters of Foreign Trade for 2003, Data for Individual Identification of Products"

Product Description	Tariff Classification	Identification Data to be Included in Export Documents
Pork meat	0203.11.01 0203.12.01 0203.19.99 0203.21.01 0203.22.01 0203.29.99 0206.30.01 0206.30.99 0206.41.01 0206.49.99	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Description of the product: specify in detail the part or piece concerned; leg, back, shoulder round, bacon, loin, etc., and its presentation with bone-in, diced, boneless, clean, tied, skinless, with or without rib, etc. 2. Product presentation: fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, smoked or in brine. Vacuum packed, , in combos,, in boxes, etc. 3. Quality in the market of origin: U.S. 1, 2, 3, premium, first, second, etc..

	0206.49.01 0209.00.99 0210.11.01 0210.19.99 0210.12.01 1501.00.01	All product imported for human consumption should have the legend: "Fit for Human Consumption" stated by the responsible inspection authority in the country of origin. 4. State if the pieces were obtained from cuts previously certified as fresh. 5. Date of slaughter, packing date and destination of the product.
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(End of unofficial translation)

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