

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 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): Trailers and semi-trailers
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-010-SCFI-2003. Trailers and semi-trailers. Safety specifications (8 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: This Emergency Mexican Official Standard establishes the minimum safety specifications, marking, test methods and conformity assessment procedures applicable to new or used trailers and semi-trailers manufactured in the territory of the United Mexican States or abroad and marketed and/or circulating in the country. This Standard applies to trailers and semi-trailers with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of over 14,000 kg. (31,000 lbs). It does not apply to trailers and semi-trailers recognized as being specifically assigned to the transport of non-divisible objects of considerable weight and/or volume, as described in Mexican Official Standard NOM-040-SCT-2-1995 for the Transport of Non-Divisible Objects of Great Weight and/or Volume, the Weight and Dimensions of Combinations of Vehicles and Industrial Cranes and Their Conveyance on Roads and Bridges Under Federal Jurisdiction, published in the Official Journal on 31 March 1998. Neither does this Standard apply to trailers and semi-trailers registered by the United Mexican States prior to its entry into force. This Standard does not apply to trailers and semi-trailers entering the country under the temporary import regime provided for in Article 106, paragraph I, of the Customs Law.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This Standard was issued as a matter of urgency in order to provide a legal framework to effectively regulate the import, marketing and circulation of trailers and semi-trailers without creating technical barriers to international trade, and in view of the need to establish minimum safety specifications, an effective mechanism and a uniform language to prevent any loss of control that may affect the safety of road users.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: (cont'd) The measure was prompted by a trade liberalization process initiated on 1 January 2004, allowing the free importation of trailers and semi-trailers by any natural or legal person, which will generate an increase in the volume of road traffic of vehicles of this type that do not meet the minimum safety specifications, such as weight, dimensions, break and lighting systems, and so forth.	
	The Mexican Government, acting via the Ministry of the Economy, therefore deemed it necessary to issue this Standard as a matter of emergency in view of an imminent threat to the objectives laid down in Article 40 of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization, within the meaning of Article 48 of this Law.	
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Diario Oficial de la Federación</i> (Official Journal) of 23 December 2003.	
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} The day after publication in the Official Journal (24 December 2003).
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:	
	Website: 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	