

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Trade and Industrial Development Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Contact 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): Mescal
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-007-SCFI-2000, Alcoholic Beverages. Mescal. Specifications (8 pages, in Spanish)
6.	<p>Description of content: The sectors have expressed an interest in bringing into force the technical regulations which provide a basis for guaranteeing the quality of the alcoholic beverage known as mescal, as well as the correct use of the corresponding appellation of origin. It is the Federal Government's responsibility to take the necessary measures to support and protect appellations of origin which identify products which are characteristic of our country, such as the alcoholic beverage mescal which is considered to be a product specific to Mexico and whose appellation of origin is the property of the Mexican State. This emergency Standard therefore lays down the characteristics and specifications to be respected by users authorized to produce and/or market the distilled alcoholic beverage known as mescal, and applies to the alcoholic beverage produced in accordance with the process referred to in the Standard, using the following species of agave:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Agave Angustifolia Haw</i> ("maguey espadín");- <i>Agave Esperrima jacobi, amaryllidaceae</i> ("maguey de cerro, bruto o cenizo");- <i>Agave Weberi cela, amaryllidaceae</i> ("maguey de mezcal");- <i>Agave Patatorum zucc, amaryllidaceae</i> ("maguey de mezcal");- <i>Agave Salmiana Otto Ex Salm SSP Crassispina (Trel) Gentry</i> ("maguey verde mescalero"); and- Other species of agave, provided that they are not used as a raw material for other beverages with a different appellation of origin. Such species must be grown in the federative entities, municipalities and regions referred to in the General Declaration on Protection of the Mescal Appellation of Origin, currently in force.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety and consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Diario Oficial de la Federación</i> (Official Journal) of 8 March 2000
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 9 March 2000
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: WEB: http://www.secofi.gob.mx/dgn1.html