



REGULATION OF PESTICIDES IN MEXICO National Programme For Monitoring of Pesticides Residues in Fresh Vegetables









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National Service for Animal and Plant Health, Food Safety and Food Quality, SENASICA

Mission

To regulate, manage and promote activities on health, food safety and quality, reducing the risks inherent in agriculture, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries, for the benefit of producers, consumers and industry.



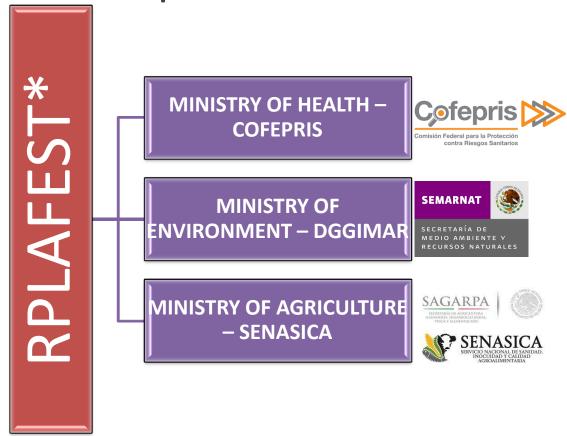








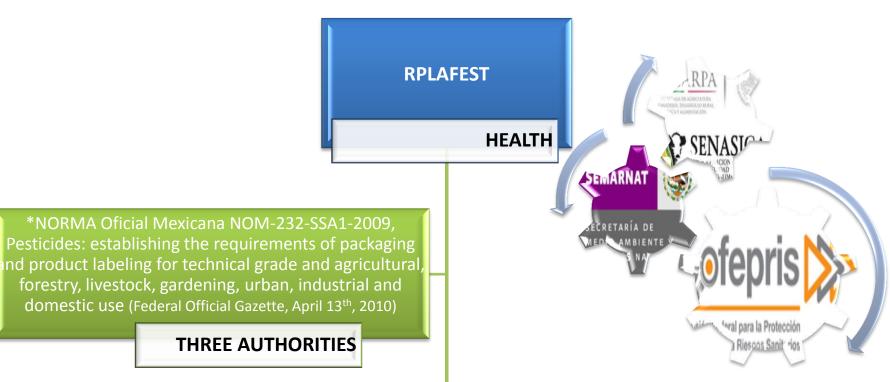




*Decree by which are amended, added and abrogated diverse provisions of the Bylaw for Registrations, Authorizations for Import and Export and Certification for Exportation of Pesticides, Fertilizers and Toxic and or Hazardous Materials (onwards, RPLAFEST).







General Law for Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources)

ENVIRONMENT

General Law for Health (Federa Commission for Protection Against Sanitary Risks)

HEALTH

Federal Law of Plant Health (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food)

AGRICULTURE









REGISTRATION (RSCO)



COFEPRIS

Evaluation of Technical Information, Safety and Toxicology

SAGARPA

Biological effectiveness and Maximum Residue Limits in the field

SEMARNAT

Technical opinion, ecotoxicological information

PESTICIDE: "Phytosanitary input to prevent, repel, combat and destroy biological organisms harmful to plants, their products or by-products" (Federal Law of Plant Health).

SANITARY REGISTRATION: A health/sanitary authorization issued by COFEPRIS in coordination with **SEMARNAT** and SAGARPA, which guarantees the efficacy and safety of the registered product. Mandatory for **sale and use** in Mexico (RPLAFEST).





Objective:

To ensure that products available to users, don't represent unacceptable risks to the general population.

Surveillance:

- ✓ Products available for users, according to the regulation and authorized uses.
- ✓ Use in accordance with authorization.
- ✓ Effective for the purposes they were designed

Maximum Residue Level (MRL):

The maximum acceptable concentration of pesticide residues, metabolites, or both, under the rules applicable to food for human or animal consumption (RPLAFEST)





Project for establishing MRL in Mexico

Target:

To establish the technical Guidelines and procedures for authorization of MRL for pesticides (chemical) of agricultural use for registration.





- Dietary Risk Analysis
- Authorize and review MRL

Contents:

- 1. Technical Guidelines to establish a MRL.
- 2. Technical Guidelines to review a MRL.
- 3. Procedure for authorization of a new MRL.
- 4. Authorized MLR.
- 5. MRL' Review.

To guarantee quality, efectiveness and to prevent public health risks; facilitating trade

Ongoing project







Monitoring of Pesticides Residues In Fresh Vegetables

Federal Law for Plant Protection

Article 42 bis. The
Secretary will establish
and develop the
National Programme
for Monitoring of
pesticides residues on
vegetables, to
determine that
phytosanitary inputs
are used according to
the biological efficacy
trials.

Article 47-A. The
Secretary will
determine the
guidances in terms of
contamination risk
reduction systems,
the measures to be
applied in the primary
production of
vegetables.

Artículo 60. Under suspition of contamination during primary production, based on current legislation, it shall be entitled to perform the sampling of fresh produce.

*Bylaw, Article 121.
The Secretary will establish the requirements and specifications that the National Monitoring Programmee for Pesticides on Vegetable, must comply with

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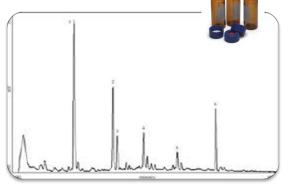
National Programme for Monitoring Pesticides Residues on Fresh Vegetables

It aims to monitor and detect the presence of contaminants and toxic residues during primary production of food of plant origin in the country

In addition to implement prevention and mitigation actions, needed necessary to correct and/or avoid the presence of contaminants











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Sampling of high risk produce based on:

Historical records related to the presence of one or more contaminants in produce

Volume of production and commercialization of produce

Evidence of use deviation of agrochemicals

Appearance of unexpected biological and climatic events







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Crop	Production (ton)	Value (thousands of pesos)
Tomato (red)	2,875,164.08	15,735,506.33
Pepper (green)	2,732,635.07	17,896,024.06
Potato	1,678,833.03	11,983,637.53
Onion	1,368,183.69	5,665,174.17
Watermelon	946,458.12	2,602,951.37
Corn cob	811,048.56	1,763,054.30
Cucumber	707,631.94	3,568,827.63
Tomato (green)	661,141.11	2,404,944.16
Melon	526,990.47	2,545,094.25
Broccoli	445,885.51	2,051,441.66





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Vegetables

Analytical process (HPLC and EM)

Samples reception

Grinding

Wash material of grinding area

Extraction (QuEChERS)

Screening and quantification of positives











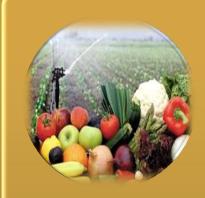




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Aguascalientes, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Ciudad de México, Durango, México, Hidalgo, Michoacán, Morelos, Nuevo León, Oaxaca, Puebla, Querétaro, San Luis Potosí, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas



Avocado, blueberry, basil, bananas, broccoli, squash, onion, scallion, chayote, chile, cilantro, green beans, asparagus, spinach, raspberry, strawberry, guava, lettuce, lemon, mango, melon, prickly pear, papaya, cucumber, pepper, tomato, tomatillo, pear and blackberry



To obtain general information about chemical contamination on 29 crops in the Mexican Field.

To have information (database and maping) in order to make decision regarding mitigation or preventive measures.

To improve capacities in the matter of good use and handling of agrochemicals.

22 states where samples were collected, 29 crops of economical importance





Preliminary conclusions and suggestions to act

Residues

Above MRL

Within MRL

Nonauthorized

NQ

Presumed causes

Deviation of use

Lack of knowledge about authorized pesticides

Insufficient technical competency

Non-authorized products for minor or specialty crops

Measures to take

To strength growers' training

To improve technical capacities

To strength the official surveillance

To communicate more about pesticides' risks

official surveillance







To work closely with industry in the development of new molecules

Reference: CODEX







Sharing responsibilities is vital for better results and greater impact to achieve food safety



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- To ensure well trained technical experts for peticides recommendations
- Active participation in the Governmental iniciatives for promoting good use and handling of pesticides on the fields
- To promote the development of molecules more friendly with the environment



Growers

- To buy only pesticides with a registration and authorization for use
- To do so within the good agricultural practices



- More responsible follow up of it's recommendations
- To strengthen technical capabilities
- To collaborate with the authorities on the identification of out or regulations' activities





- Gradually restrict the use of highly toxic pesticides
- To strengthen official surveillance programmees
- To update the Pesticides' Catalogue













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