

JOINT COMMUNICATION: The Government of Mexico establishes measures to eliminate the use of highly dangerous pesticides

The government is implementing actions to ensure an effective access to healthy options and a healthy environment for Mexicans

Given the environmental degradation that for years has been affecting people's quality of life, the Secretariat of Health, through the Federal Commission for Health Risk Protection (COFEPRIS), the Secretariat of Economy (SE), the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (Semarnat) and the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (Sader), establish measures to make progress in the compliance with various international treaties signed by Mexico. The aforementioned is in effect in order to prohibit the use of highly dangerous pesticides and reduce the pressure on natural resources, as well as to minimize the generation of waste and polluting emissions.

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as well as the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, are intended to protect human health and the environment against persistent organic pollutants.

Such conventions recommend adopting measures to prohibit the import of hazardous chemicals such as Azinphos-methyl, Captafol, Chlordane, DDT, Endosulfan, Lindane, Alachlor, Aldicarb, Phosphamidon, Methylparation, Carbofuran and Trichlorfon, due to their high level of health risk for the population.

The publication in the Federal Official Gazette, on November 6 of the current year, of the *Decree amending the Law on General Import and Export Taxes*^[1], will make possible to prohibit the importation of various toxic substances, preventing the use of prohibited molecules, as well as highly dangerous pesticides whose sanitary registration has been canceled.

This action confirms the commitment of the Government of Mexico to protect and ensure the human rights of Mexicans, guaranteeing effective access to health and a healthy environment, in full compliance with the current regulatory framework.

[1] Available at <https://bit.ly/2rrz5Vj>

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