

Mexico endorses the measures to reactivate avocado exports to the United States

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The Mexican Secretariat of the Interior has been watchful of the meeting held this morning between Alfredo Ramírez Bedolla, governor of Michoacán, and Security officers from the Embassy of the United States in Mexico, aimed at the earliest possible reactivation of avocado exports from Michoacán to the U.S.

The Mexican government supports and endorses the security measures offered by the government of Michoacán to settle the concerns of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the integrity of their personnel.

Likewise, the Mexican government confirms their commitment to national public security, and remains in alert to reinforce any measures that are necessary to strengthen the proposed mechanism, in order to guarantee the free transit of the national agricultural production and the commercialization thereof, both domestic and abroad.

On the other hand, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development informed that it continues verifying the timely compliance with the work plan entered into with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS-USDA) to guarantee that the avocado production is safe and free of pests.

Thus, the Secretariat of Agriculture intends to preserve the production and trading of avocados, which is a source of employment and income for a sizable number of mainly small and medium producers.

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