

The United States notifies Mexico of temporary suspension of avocado shipments from Michoacán

US Staff, Producers and State Authorities Discuss Security Issues



It is expected that before the end of 2022, avocado exports from Jalisco to that country will begin.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS-USDA) decided to pause avocado inspection activities in Michoacán until further notice.

The US health authority today informed Senasica, which made the determination after one of his officers, who was carrying out inspection work in Uruapan, Michoacán, received a threatening call to his official cell phone.

APHIS-USDA reported that an investigation is currently being carried out to assess the threat and determine the necessary mitigation measures to guarantee the physical integrity of all of its personnel working in Michoacán.

He also reported that a meeting is currently being held between APHIS personnel and representatives of the Association of Producers and Packers-Exporters of Avocado of Mexico (APEAM) with the local and state police to address the issue.

It is important to comment that, in accordance with the Work Plan for the export of Hass avocado from Mexico to the United States (PT), personnel from the US health agency inspect the avocado to be exported and, once authorized, move to packaging for packaging.