

The Secretariat of Agriculture promotes regulation for the manufacturing of feed for animal consumption

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To preserve the health of animals for consumption, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development published the Mexican Official Standard NOM-060-SAG/ZOO-2020 that aims to regulate the transformation of livestock sourced offal that is used in the manufacturing of feed for animals.

The regulation set forth in the NOM-060-SAG/ZOO-2020 standard on zoosanitary specifications for the transformation of animal offal and its use in animal feed, makes possible to reduce the risk of introduction of ruminant diseases such as the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) also known as the “mad cow” disease, and scrapie, into the country.

The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) has, since 2016, recognized that the risk of BSE in Mexico is insignificant.

To keep such status, the National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA), through this standard, reinforces the measures of control and surveillance of offal and bovine byproducts, and their respective transformation processes.

The issuance of this Mexican Official Standard strengthens the necessary controls for the processing, use, and marketing of products obtained from animal sourced proteins, whether domestic or imported.

Thus, the SENASICA promotes optimal production processes to prevent the introduction and spread of animal pest and diseases using offal and animal byproduct that have not being subject to a proper transformation and control process.

It is worth mentioning that, without the defense mechanisms operated by the agency that reports to the Secretariat of Agriculture, the introduction of BSE to the animal feed system

would cause a major negative impact for the livestock and meat industry, endangering human health and causing economic losses for the domestic and export markets.

The final version of this standard was amended and approved at the third ordinary meeting of the Zoosanitary Protection Subcommittee, held on September 22, 2021, and was finally adopted at the second special meeting of the National Advisory Board on Agro-alimentary Standardization, on May 30, 2022.