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Listing of proposed and final regulations, standards and major directives published by selected federal agencies in the Mexican Official Journal of the Federation from January 1, and December 31, 2008.

SECRETARIAT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
<i>2008: January to December</i>
Proposed Modification of Official Mexican Standard NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2001, Environmental Protection – Native Species of wild flora and fauna of Mexico – Endangered categories and specifications for their inclusion, exclusion or change – List of Endangered Species. December 5, 2008.
Agreement establishing the classification and codification of merchandise whose import and export is subject to regulation by the agencies, which integrate the Intersecretarial Commission for the Control of the Processing and use of Pesticides, Fertilizers and Toxic Substances. May 26, 2008.
Decree that reforms and adds various clauses to the General Law of Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection to reinforce the voluntary certification of real property. May 16, 2008.
Regulation of the Law of Biosecurity of Genetically Modified Organisms. March 19, 2008.
Proposed Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-155-SEMARNAT-2007, which establishes the requirements for environmental protection of gold and silver mineral leaching systems. February 28, 2008.
Environment and Natural Resources Sector Program for 2007-2012. January 21, 2008.
SECRETARIAT OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY
<i>2008: January to December</i>

Official Mexican Standard NOM-025-STPS-2008, Lighting conditions in the workplace. December 30, 2008.
Official Mexican Standard NOM-032-STPS-2008, Safety in underground coal mines. December 23, 2008.
Official Mexican Standard NOM-017-STPS-2008, Personal Protection Equipment – Selection, use and handling in the workplace. December 9, 2008.
Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-STPS-2008, Safety and Health colors and signals, and hazard identification of fluids in pipe systems. November 25, 2008.
NOM-001-STPS-2008, Buildings, premises, installations, and areas in the workplace. November 24, 2008.
Official Mexican Standard NOM-022-STPS-2008, Static electricity in the workplace – Safety conditions. November 7, 2008.
NOM-027-STPS-2008, Welding and cutting activities - Safety and health conditions. November 7, 2008.
National Civil Protection Program 2008-2012. September 19, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-025-STPS-1999, Lighting conditions in the work place, to become PROY-NOM-025-STPS-2005, Lighting conditions in the work place. June 5, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-017-STPS-2001, Personal Protection Equipment – Selection, use, maintenance in the work place, to become PROY-NOM-017-STPS-2007– Selection, use, maintenance in the work place. May 22, 2008.
Proposed Procedure to evaluate compliance with Official Mexican Standard NOM-028-STPS-2004, Work Organization – Safety in chemical substances processes. May 22, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-001-STPS-1999, Buildings, premises, installations, and areas in the work place, to become PROY-NOM-001-STPS-2007, Buildings, premises, installations, and areas in the work place. April 29, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-009-STPS-1999, Suspended Equipment for access – installation, operation, and maintenance – Safety conditions, to become PROY-NOM-009-STPS-2007, Suspended Equipment for access – installation, operation, and maintenance – Safety conditions. March 14, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-027-STPS-2000, Welding and cutting – Safety and health conditions, to become PROY-NOM-027-STPS-2006, Welding and cutting activities - Safety and health conditions. February 26, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-STPS-2004, Colors and signs for Safety and health, and identification of hazards in fluids conveyed in pipelines. February 22, 2008.
Proposed modification to Official Mexican Standard NOM-022-STPS-1999, Static electricity in the work place – Safety and health conditions. February 22, 2008.
Alternate procedure NIOSH-1403 authorized by the Secretariat of Labor and Social Security to comply with Official Mexican Standard NOM-010-STPS-1999, Safety and health conditions in the workplace in the handling, transporting, processing and storing of chemical substances capable of generating contamination in the work environment. January 24, 2008.
Alternate procedure NIOSH-7300 authorized by the Secretariat of Labor and Social Security to comply with Official Mexican Standard NOM-010-STPS-1999, Safety and

health conditions in the workplace in the handling, transporting, processing and storing of chemical substances capable of generating contamination in the work environment. January 24, 2008.

SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

January to December 2008

Official Mexican Standard NOM-003-SCT/2008, Characteristics of labels of containers and packaging destined for the transportation of hazardous substances, materials and waste. August 15, 2008.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-005-SCT/2008, Emergency information for the transportation of hazardous substances, materials and waste. August 14, 2008.

ENERGY SECRETARIAT

January to December 2008

Proposed Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-017-ENER/SCFI-2005, Energy efficiency and safety requirements for users of compact, self-ballast fluorescent lamps. Limits and test methods. January 21, 2008.

Proposed Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-021-ENER/SCFI-2007 Energy efficiency and safety requirements for users of room air conditioners. Limits, test methods and labeling. January 3, 2008.

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