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MEXICAN EHS REGULATORY HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY 2007 - JUNE 2008

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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, 2007 to June 15, 2008.

SECRETARIAT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
<i>2008: January to June</i>
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.
<i>2007</i>
Official Mexican Standard NOM-148-SEMARNAT-2006, Atmospheric Contamination. – Sulfur recovery from oil refining processes. November 28, 2007.

Decree Promulgating the Beijing Amendment to modify the Montreal Protocol of Ozone Layer Depleting Substances adopted on December 3, 1999 by the XI Conference of the Parties. October 26 2007.

Proposal to Modify Official Mexican Standard NOM-117-SEMARNAT-1998 establishing the environmental protection specifications for installation and major maintenance of transportation and distribution systems for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons and petrochemicals on existing rights of way in land-based agricultural, livestock and untilled areas, to become proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-117-SEMARNAT-2006 establishing the environmental protection specifications for installation and major maintenance of transportation and distribution pipeline systems for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons and petrochemicals on existing rights of way in agricultural, livestock and untilled areas. July 30, 2007.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-129-SEMARNAT-2006, Natural gas distribution networks. – Establishes the environmental protection specifications for site preparation, construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of natural gas distribution networks intended to locate in urban, suburban and industrial areas and of urban infrastructure or services. July 17, 2007.

Accord establishing the guidelines for submittal of the Annual Operating Permit and Comprehensive Environmental License through the corresponding electronic portal. March 30, 2007.

Accord to inform the general public of the calendar for reduction in the use and inventories of chlorofluorocarbons in the United Mexican States. March 27, 2007.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-041-SEMARNAT-2006 establishing the maximum permissible limits of emissions of polluting gases from circulating motor vehicle exhausts, which use gasoline as fuel. March 6, 2007.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-147-SEMARNAT/SSA1-2004, establishing the criteria to determine the remediation concentration of soil contaminated with arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, hexavalent chrome, mercury, nickel, silver, lead, selenium, thallium and/or vanadium. March 2, 2007.

Decree that adds fraction VI to article 19; a third paragraph to article 20-bis 2, and modifies article 51 of the General Law of Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection. February 12, 2007.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-149-SEMARNAT-2006 establishing the environmental protection specifications to observe in drilling, maintenance and closure activities in oil wells in Mexican maritime zones. January 31, 2007.

SECRETARIAT OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

2008: January to June

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.

2007

Procedure to evaluate compliance with Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-STPS-2004, Colors and signs for Safety and health, and identification of hazards in fluids conveyed in pipelines. December 10, 2007.

Alternate procedure 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. October 17, 2007.

Alternate procedure authorized by the Secretariat of Labor and Social Security to comply with Official Mexican Standard NOM-020-STPS-2002, Pressure Vessels and boilers-Operation – Safety conditions. October 17, 2007.

Procedure to evaluate compliance with Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-STPS-1998, Colors and signs for Safety and health, and identification of hazards in fluids conveyed in pipelines. January 17, 2007.

SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

2007-2008

Proposed Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-005-SCT/2006, Emergency information for the transportation of hazardous substances, materials and waste. October 22, 2007.

Proposed Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-004-SCT/2006, Identification system for transportation units of hazardous substances, materials and waste. October 18, 2007.

Official Mexican Standard NOM-012-SCT4-2007, Guidelines for preparation of Contingency Plans for ships that transport hazardous merchandise. September 25, 2007.

ENERGY SECRETARIAT

2007-2008

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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