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ARTICLE 5: OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE IMPARTIALITY, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND TRANSPARENCY

In Mexico, the competent authorities are coordinated to establish necessary measures on merchandise that can be presumed to put life and health at risk.

In the case of merchandise that is difficult to identify, since that requires the taking of samples in order to identify their qualitative or quantitative composition, use, process of obtaining or physical characteristics, it will be carried out by notifying the importer, exporter, legal representative or their assistants, Customs agent, agent, dependent or authorized employee.

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For the taking of samples, the Customs authority, upon written request, will allow specialized third parties to enter the fiscal or controlled premises, together with the special equipment and facilities that ensure the correct handling of the merchandise, through the use of technical methods provided for in the Official Mexican Norms (NOMs, by its acronym in Spanish), or recognized in the matter, in accordance with the information provided by the specialized third parties themselves, who must also accompany the documents that certify them as experts in the matter.

In 2017, Mexico was certified as a Regional Laboratory for the Americas and the Caribbean (AMS) by the WCO. With this achievement, Mexico became the third country in the world to acquire this distinction, along with Japan and Russia.