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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MEXICO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Economy Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Contact point: DGN/SE
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Steel metric tape measures
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-046-SCFI-1999. Measuring Instruments – Steel Metric Tape Measures and Flexometers (4 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Amendments to paragraphs 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of NOM-046-SCFI-1999, as follows: "8.1 Marking of tape The following indications at least shall be printed clearly and indelibly on the graduated part of the tape: Name or symbol of manufacturer, importer or distributor; units of measurement in accordance with NOM-008-SCFI (see two references); units numbered in Arabic numerals; statement "MADE IN MEXICO" for domestically produced steel metric tape measures and flexometers, or indication of the country of origin in the case of imported steel metric tape measures and flexometers; type; model or prototype approval."

6. Description of content: (cont'd)**"8.2 Marking or labelling of casing**

The marking or labelling of flexometer casing and/or winders of long tape measures shall include at least the following indications:

Maximum length of metric tape;

name or symbol of manufacturer, importer or distributor;

model;

statement "MADE IN MEXICO" for domestically produced steel metric tape measures and flexometers, or indication of the country of origin in the case of imported steel metric tape measures and flexometers."

"The following indications at least shall appear on the packaging that contains the finished product:

Name or symbol of manufacturer, importer or distributor;

model."

"8.4 Packing

Packaged metric tape measures and flexometers shall be packed in boxes that permit proper handling, storage and transportation and afford protection against corrosion. The following indications at least shall appear on the boxes:

Name or symbol of manufacturer, importer or distributor;

number of units per box;

model;

domicile of manufacturer, importer or distributor;

statement "MADE IN MEXICO" for domestically produced steel metric tape measures and flexometers, or indication of the country of origin for imported steel metric tape measures and flexometers."

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:

Safety

8. Relevant documents: Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) of 15 November 2001

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} 14 January 2002
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Website: http://www.economia.gob.mx/normas (Standards Catalogue)	