

**EXTENSION OF THE STATEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION
AND
THE SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH OF THE UNITED MEXICAN
STATES
THROUGH THE FEDERAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION
FROM SANITARY RISKS
COVERING THE SAFETY AND SANITARY QUALITY OF
REFRIGERATED FRESH AND FROZEN MOLLUSCAN
SHELLFISH EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (USFDA) AND THE SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES THROUGH THE FEDERAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION FROM SANITARY RISKS (COFEPRIS), hereinafter referred to as the “Participants” intend to continue to work together;

CONSIDERING that the Participants signed on October 9, 2018 and November 1, 2018 the *Statement of Cooperation Between the United States Food and Drug Administration and the Secretariat of Health of the United Mexican States Through the Federal Commission for Protection from Sanitary Risks Covering the Safety and Sanitary Quality of Refrigerated Fresh and Frozen Molluscan Shellfish Exported from the United Mexican States to the United States of America*, (the “Statement”);

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Statement expires on November 1, 2023;

CONSIDERING that Section VI of the Statement provides that it may be extended by the mutual written consent of both Participants;

WISHING to safeguard public health and to ensure the safety and sanitary quality of refrigerated fresh and frozen molluscan shellfish harvested from aquacultured and wild populations that are now or may be exported from the United Mexican States into the United States of America; and

CONSIDERING that the Participants intend to continue the beneficial and cooperative work conducted under the terms of the 2018 Statement;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

The Participants have jointly decided to extend the Statement effective from November 1, 2023, for a period of five (5) years through November 1, 2028.

Signed, in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages.

For the United States Food and Drug
Administration:

/s/

Mark Abdoo
Associate Commissioner
Office of Global Policy and Strategy

For the Federal Commission for Protection
from Sanitary Risks:

/s/

Alejandro Ernesto Svarch Pérez
Federal Commissioner

Date: _____ 11/30/23 _____

Location: _Silver Spring, MD_____

Date: _____ 10/31/23 _____

Location: _____ Mexico City _____