

On the margin a seal with the national emblem which reads: United States of Mexico - Presidency of the Republic.

FELIPE CALDERON HINOJOSA JESUS, President of the United Mexican States, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Article 89, Section I, of the Constitution of the United Mexican States, and pursuant to Articles 13, 32 bis, 34 , 35 and 39 of the Organic Law of the Federal Public Administration, and Law of Organic Products I hereby issue the following:

## REGULATIONS OF THE LAW FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS

### CHAPTER I

#### GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

ARTICLE 1. The present ordinance is to regulate the Organic Products Law, its provisions are of public order and social interest, application and interpretation corresponds to the Federal Executive through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food, unless concerned in the production and processing of timber and non-timber forest resources, forest raw materials, products and by-products; specimens, parts or derivatives of wildlife and other natural resources from areas for the conservation of ecosystems, the application and interpretation for the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources, in accordance with the law governing matters competence.

Organic certification referred to in the Act and Regulations do not exclude certifications under General Laws General Wildlife and Sustainable Forest Development.

ARTICLE 2. For purposes of interpretation and application of this Regulation, in addition to the definitions laid down in Article 3 of the Organic Products Law shall apply:

- I. Labelling: Any printed or graphic matter accompanying the organic product or is displayed near it, including that aims at promoting its sale or disposal;
- II. Organic Integrity: Quality of an organic product obtained according to the law, which must be maintained during production and handling to the final point of sale, protect mixing that may occur with a non-organic product or contact with prohibited substances; so that the final product labeling and / or marketed as organic, until it reaches the consumer;
- III. Law: The Law of Organic Products;

- IV. SENASICA: National Health Service, Food Safety and Quality, administrative body within the Ministry;
- V. Organic Status: activity or set of activities related to the production, preparation, processing, packaging, re-packaging, transportation, distribution, marketing, labeling, re-labeling, export and import of organic products and
- VI. Product Organic: That which is obtained according to the established systems of production and processing in the Act and the rules derived from it.

ARTICLE 3. The objectives of promotion, promotion and development of organic production set out in the Act, shall be observed in regard to:

- I. Strategies, priorities and actions to be defined in sectoral, regional and special programs deriving from organic production NDP;
- II. Programs to support organic production to be promoted;
- III. The conventions of coordination and consultation, to subscribe in terms of the Act and these Regulations, and
- IV. Other applicable legal provisions of programs related to organic production, containing, among others, indicators measuring the objectives in each.

ARTICLE 4. Coordination of actions that the Secretariat has the offices of the Federal Public Administration, within the scope of their respective powers, and to be held as the object of the Act, be made in order to ensure the organic integrity of the products and improve social and economic conditions in a sustainable way for the rural population engaged in agricultural activities of organic production.

## CHAPTER II

### ABOUT CONVERSION

ARTICLE 5. To start the conversion period the applicant must submit:

- I. Application start conversion period and,
- II. Organic Plan detailing the activities undertaken during the period of conversion.

ARTICLE 6. Operators who have completed the conversion period, their products may be referred to as organic provided they comply with the provisions of these Regulations, the Act, and other applicable provisions.

## CHAPTER III

### ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION

ARTICLE 7. The appointment of representatives to the Council, to which Article 13 of the Law shall be made in accordance with the following:

- I. The organizations representing organic processors, marketers and organic certification bodies shall lie with the persons who are elected from among its members;
- II. The consumer representation lies with the person appointed by the Federal Consumer and
- III. The representation of national producer organizations will fall on persons who are elected from among its own members. Among them, one corresponds to input producers.

ARTICLE 8. The following members will form part of the Council, in accordance with Article 14 of Law:

- I. The head of the Secretariat who shall preside, and two representatives of the same, one of which will serve as Technical Secretary;
- II. A representative of the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources;
- III. A representative of the Ministry of Economy;
- IV. A representative of the Ministry of Health, and
- V. The representatives of the entities of the Federal Public Administration and academic and research institutions as the Board may determine and which together may not exceed six.

The participation of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in the Council, shall be borne by the heads of the administrative units that have more to do with the art of organic products whose hierarchy may not be less than that of the Director General or equivalent.

ARTICLE 9. The composition of the Board with respect to what is stated in Sections I and III of Article 7 of this Regulation, shall be made through the summoning, issued by the President of the Council, which shall contain at least the following requirements:

- I. Place and date will be held the receipt of applications;
- II. Establish the basis and requirements that will be held the election, and
- III. The requirements by which they must prove the character of national agencies.

The assembly for integration of the Council shall be published on the websites of the Ministries of State that are an integral part of the Council, which is stated in Article 14 of the Law.

ARTICLE 10. All managers who work in the Council are honorary; Council members bearing the representation of the interests of producers and actors in society, in terms of organic products referred to in Article 7, Sections I and III of this Regulation, in the last two years Custom and may be reappointed on one occasion for the same period.

ARTICLE 11. The organization and functioning of the Board is governed by the Internal Operating Rules issued by the Board.

#### CHAPTER IV

##### ABOUT ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

ARTICLE 12. The certification of production processes may be made directly by the Secretariat, or by certification bodies authorized by it.

ARTICLE 13. Organic certification made by the secretariat through the SENASICA will be held under the same technical and operational which makes an Organic Certification Agency considerations.

ARTICLE 14. Participatory organic certification only applies to household production or small producers always organized and when selling directly to the consumer or end user such products, provided they do not produce, prepare, store other than in connection with the final point of sale and not are imported.

The Secretariat determined based on the provisions applicable procedure for participatory organic certification.

ARTICLE 15. To start the process of organic certification with the Secretary or to an Organic Certification Agency, the organic operator must prove that the product intended to certify fulfilled the conversion period referred to in the Act and this Regulation.

Once the operator has complied with organic conversion period, the Secretariat or the Organic Certification Agency, as applicable, must implement the appropriate inspection to verify that the organic operation conforms to the provisions of law, this Regulations and Rules applicable to that effect issued by the Ministry.

The application for organic certification referred to in Article 23 of the Act must be accompanied by an Organic Plan developed pursuant to the applicable provisions.

ARTICLE 16. In the case of products derived from timber and non-timber forest resources and wildlife, whose use is regulated in the General Laws of Forest and Wildlife Development, certification is requested for human consumption and use in accordance with Law and these Rules, the Secretariat and organic Certification should require organic operators authorizations, licenses, permits or certificates, within its competence, issued by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

ARTICLE 17. The Secretariat or the Organic Certification Agency issued the organic certificate or opinion of denial, as appropriate, based on the information and documentation submitted by the organic operator and in the results of the inspection practiced.

In case that the organic operator has obtained an opinion of denial to file an application for certification shall again address deficiencies previously pointing opinion. In this case you should not undergo another conversion period, provided it is the same product which was denied certified.

The Secretariat established by applicable provisions actions to be performed when organic operators obtain an opinion of denial.

## CHAPTER V

### ABOUT CERTIFICATION BODIES

#### Section

I

#### About requirements for approval

ARTICLE 18. Those interested in being approved as Organic Certification shall submit an application to the Ministry through the SENASICA once they have been accredited in terms of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and / or under the ISO Guide 65 or national equivalent or other countries. The Secretariat through the SENASICA may request interested parties to meet additional requirements to those in the process of accreditation by the nature of the activities they engage. These additional requirements are established in the calls, for the accreditation and approval will be published in the Official Gazette, and shall be, inter alia, the following:

- I. Attach to the request the following documents:
  - a. Copy of the constitution and the statutes, and
  - b. Copy of last income tax return with the Secretary of Finance and Public Credit;
- II. Demonstrate that it has the following elements, characteristics and principles:

- a. Capacity, infrastructure, technical, human and material appropriate to the certification procedures;
  - b. The skills and expertise to certify organic products under the Guidelines of Organic Operation to be published by the Secretariat in the Official Gazette, which shall at least regarding the conversion, crop and livestock production, storage, transportation, processing and marketing, labeling, certification, list management, substances, materials and methods for organic production;
  - c. Sufficient staff and trained for organic certification according to the scope of certification requested;
  - d. Free Written by which point under oath that the organic certification process will be conducted under strict adherence to the principles of objectivity, impartiality and without conflict of interest in the exercise of their functions and
  - e. The instruments for the operation of its system of certification of organic products, including organizational manuals and procedures as well as procedures for granting, maintaining, extending, suspending and withdrawing certification of organic products;
- III. Establishing a system of quality control for the issuance of certified organic, as well as monitoring and evaluation of the corresponding organic operations;
  - IV. Define rates for the provision of their services and establish mechanisms to keep them informed of operators;
  - V. Having a system of internal audit the quality system to ensure compliance with service charge, and
  - VI. Establish an internal procedure, optional nature of the operator, for receiving and dealing with complaints and claims for the provision of their services.

ARTICLE 19. The Secretariat issued through the SENASICA approval as Organic Certification Body within a period not exceeding 90 working days from the date of filing.

ARTICLE 20. The Secretariat through the SENASICA to pass an Organic Certification Agency, assigned an identification number to which shall be entered in the register of Organic Certification.

ARTICLE 21. Approvals to be granted to the Organic Certification will be valid for five years.

ARTICLE 22. When approval is denied, it will be made known by the person concerned duly justified and reasoned decision, which shall state in detail the missing requirements.

ARTICLE 23. In cases that have been denied approval, interested parties may reapply once satisfied the missing requirements.

ARTICLE 24. The Secretariat through the SENASICA made periodic visits to Organic Certification, in order to verify that they meet the requirements for granting approval as well as the obligations of the same inspection.

## SECTION II

About the annual reports

ARTICLE 25. The annual activity report of the Organic Certification must be submitted in writing to the Secretariat through SENASICA the first working day of February each year. This report is part of the information that will contain the Control System.

When organic certification is obtained within the first two months of the year, the Certification Body shall be relieved of reporting of merit, within the prescribed period, which shall be presented the following year subsequent to their acquisition.

The annual activity reports shall be accompanied by the following documentation:

- I. List of transactions seen during the previous year and their status;
- II. The scope and coverage of the certification in the production units concerned;
- III. Copies of the certificates evidencing the training received by staff directly involved in the organic certification process during the previous year, on organic products for service improvement, and
- IV. Copy of relevant accreditation, ISO Guide 65 or equivalent and status.

## SECTION III

About organic certification

ARTICLE 27. The organic certificate must have the following:

- I. Name and address of the organic operator;
- II. Name of the representative of the organic operator, given the case;
- III. Operator's identification number assigned by the Body;
- IV. Certificate Number;
- V. Validity of organic certificate;

- VI. Certificated products
- VII. Area and location of the facilities where the organic production takes place;
- VIII. Name, address and identification number of the Agency, and
- IX. Date and place of issue.

In document annexed to the certificate of certified generic information such as number of certified producers, area, quantity, weight or volume certified operation include among others.

ARTICLE 27. The certified organic will have a maximum term of one year from the date that was proven on the appropriate inspection, and may be renewed in accordance with the provisions applicable to that effect issued by the Ministry.

In the case of the renewal of certified organic, organic operator must comply with the recommendations and observations that were issued in the certification previously granted, in order that the Organic Certification Agency is satisfied that continues to meet the requirements for certification.

ARTICLE 28. To facilitate traceability of organic products, Organic Certification may issue documents or equivalent organic control, provided that the organic operator's request, which can be for shipping, lot vintage to mobilize in the national territory or for export. The Organic Certification Agency in turn, will inform the Secretariat through the SENASICA who will control the system within 30 days of its issuance.

ARTICLE 29. Organic control documents or equivalent data contain general certified operations which arise or constitute their source and organic certificate number that covers the shipment.

#### SECTION IV

About Renewal and extension of approval for Organic Certification

ARTICLE 30. Organic Certification Bodies interested in renewing their approval, may apply to the Secretary, through the SENASICA until at least thirty business days prior to the conclusion of approval.

The Secretariat issued through the SENASICA renewal up to sixty working days from the beginning of the procedure.

ARTICLE 31. The approval granted to an Organic Certification Agency can be granted an extension when:

- I. Up to 60 working days when processing the renewal application, and



- II. Up to 30 working days if there is a fortuitous event or force majeure and the Secretariat through SENASICA be unable to rule on the application for renewal.

ARTICLE 32. The Organic Certification Bodies that do not obtain the renewal of its approval, during the conclusion of their term or its extension, for reasons attributable to them, cannot continue their certified organic operations.

## SECTION V

### Suspension and revocation of approval to the Organic Certification Bodies

ARTICLE 33. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization approval granted to an Organic Certification Agency may be suspended temporarily:

- I. When determined by a court and while dictated by that authority, and
- II. When detected that the agency does not comply with any requirement or obligation required by the applicable provisions or derived from the approval granted.

Once you have been offset causes that led to the suspension and has been shown in documentary form with the Secretary, through the SENASICA will proceed to annul the suspension. If the causes that led to the suspension will be revoked this is not remedied.

ARTICLE 34. The approval of the Organic Certification will be revoked for any of the following causes:

- I. Expiration of the term granted;
- II. For being impossible the objective for which it was granted;
- III. Dissolution and liquidation of the corporation authorized, or be subject to bankruptcy proceedings;
- IV. Because of revocation, and
- V. If declared invalid.

ARTICLE 35. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization will proceed to revoke the approval of an agency if they:

- I. Perform certification activities that do not fall within the scope that was established under the approval;
- II. Repeatedly fails to comply with the organic certification process or the monitoring and evaluation of the functional operations;
- III. Presents false documents or reports;

- IV. Run actions or omissions that affect the control system and do not result correctable;
- V. Expressly resigns, or
- VI. Infringes with other applicable provisions of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 36. In all cases where the approval of a certification body is revoked, the Secretariat through SENASICA will knowledge of operators who had been the subject of the relevant certificate, to affect that in terms of the provisions applicable to this dependency issue come before another approved Organic Certification Agency.

ARTICLE 37. The suspension and revocation of the approval of a certification body shall be recorded in the register and shall be without prejudice to the sanctions that the agency in accordance with the Act and other applicable laws becomes creditor.

ARTICLE 38. The procedures for suspension and withdrawal of approval of a certification body, will be implemented in accordance with the formalities and terms provided for in the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization and the Federal Administrative Procedure Act.

## CHAPTER VI

### ABOUT ORGANIC OPERATORS

ARTICLE 39. Every Organic Operator must have:

- I. Keeping track of their production systems or organic operation and a data record on record statistics and administrative activities and inputs used in the same, according to the applicable provisions issued by the Secretariat, and
- II. Comply with the provisions applicable to organic production.

To fulfill the above fractions organic operator shall have available, mentioning the previous sections of this article, when it is requested by a public servant accredited through the SENASICA Secretariat in the exercise of its powers of inspection and surveillance, or when required by the Organic Certification Bodies approved.

## CHAPTER VII

### ABOUT SUBSTANCES AND MATERIALS

ARTICLE 40. The Secretariat shall publish not later than March of each year a list of materials, substances, products, materials and methods and permitted, restricted and prohibited ingredients entire production chain. For these purposes,

the Board shall submit its technical review to the Secretariat no later than the first week of January of the year.

ARTICLE 41. For the integration of the requirements and procedures for the evaluation of materials, substances, materials, methods and ingredients as well as the creation of the list laid down in articles 28 and 29 of the Act, the provisions shall be taken into account in the international agreements concluded by our country.

## CHAPTER VIII

### ABOUT THE REFERENCES IN TAGGING AND PROPERTY DECLARATION

ARTICLE 42. The Secretariat, with the Board's view, will present the design and distinctive national characteristics referred to in Article 31 of the Law.

ARTICLE 43. The national distinctiveness will be reflected in the labeling of organic products in accordance with the Mexican Official Standards and other applicable legal provisions, provided they contain at least ninety-five percent certified organic ingredients. The remaining balance must be free of prohibited substances, or which have not been subjected to treatments or methods prohibited by law and by the Basic Operating Guidelines stated in article 18, section II, paragraph b, of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 44. The labeling of organic products must record the number of certified organic, the identification number of the consignor Organic Certification Agency, and indicate that the product is free of genetically modified organisms is in accordance with the provisions of respective official Mexican standards and other legal provisions.

## CHAPTER IX

### ABOUT IMPORTS

ARTICLE 45. In the case of organic products that are being imported, the Secretariat and other agencies of the Federal Government within the scope of their respective powers at ports, airports and borders shall jointly and / or severally shall confirm that:

- I. Verify that the product has been certified organic or equivalent;
- II. Check who has the control document that covers lots and unity from which the product;
- III. Physical patches and finding that protects the product documentation, and

- IV. Verify compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Official Mexican Standards and Guidelines for the Organic Trade stated in article 18, section II, paragraph b, of this Regulation, the labeling.

ARTICLE 46. The Secretariat will coordinate with the Ministry of Economy in the field of its competence to carry out the negotiations with the competent authorities in the countries to which organic products are exported to the international recognition of equivalence of national control system for organic products, providing the information as required in order to obtain the corresponding equivalence agreement.

After obtaining an equivalency agreement, the Secretariat through the system of control, implement the necessary measures to be observed in order to maintain the agreement.

ARTICLE 47. The evaluation of control systems used in countries requesting an equivalency agreement referred to in Article 6, Section XI of the Act, will be in charge of the Secretariat, through the SENASICA according to the Guidelines of Organic Operation forth in Article 18, section II, paragraph b) of this Regulation.

ARTICLE 48. The list of countries whose regulatory and monitoring systems applied are recognized as equivalent will be published on the website of the Secretariat.

ARTICLE 49. In the case of organic operators to make imports of organic products, they must be accompanied by their respective organic certificate or its equivalent in their country of origin, with the aim of ensuring that imported products comply with the provisions of Article 33 of the Act.

## CHAPTER X

### ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION

ARTICLE 50. The Secretariat will promote support programs under organic production methods and consumption of organic products.

It will also boost organic certification, participatory organic certification, capacity building in the production of organic operators, processing, and improving the image of organic products, marketing and incorporating techniques compatible with methods organic production.

ARTICLE 51. The Ministry shall issue the rules of operation of programs for the development of organic production systems, which establish the respective objectives, actions, goals, types of support, target population, responsible for

implementing and operating mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation and the criteria of social equity and sustainable development, which will form their own guiding principles.

## SECTION I

### About coordination Arrangements

ARTICLE 52. The agreements entered into by the Secretary with the Governments of the States and Municipalities, as well as public and private institutions and organizations, attend to the criteria of federalism and decentralization of public administration, in order to promote and encourage agricultural activities, to achieve the development, strengthening and consolidation of organic production.

ARTICLE 53. To comply with the National Development Plan and other programs relating to organic production of the three levels of government, the Secretary shall promote the conclusion of conventions of coordination.

Coordination agreements are instruments of convergence of policies, programs, projects and activities related to organic production and will be subject to the provisions of the Act, Federal Budget and Fiscal Responsibility, these Rules and any other applicable legal provisions.

ARTICLE 54. The Secretary to enter into agreements of coordination, must verify that the respective instruments are consistent with the following principles:

- I. Bookmark the consistency of programs and activities related to organic production with national and state planning matters;
- II. Specify the programs, projects, activities, works and, where appropriate, organic production services that should be implemented during the fiscal year;
- III. Indicate quantitative and qualitative goals of organic production programs, which should be implemented in a coordinated manner;
- IV. In your case, determine the resources that the parties must provide, noting:
  - A. The geographical location and, where appropriate, priority areas where they will be used;
  - B. Commitments to fund the programs, actions, works and services relating to organic production agreed, indicating outlays allocated by the Federation to the Federal entity or municipality, the resources of the government of the Federal State, the municipalities supplied by and, if any, that apply to beneficiaries in accordance with the rules of operation of each program;

- C. Mechanisms to inform the Secretariat, in terms of the relevant provisions, must provide the physical and financial progress of the programs, actions, works and services agreed organic production, the terms and conditions as well as indicators of the respective measures;
- D. Agreed objectives and goals, and
- E. The agreements are concluded for the purpose of transfer of resources must comply with the applicable requirements in this area;
- V. Set the obligations that correspond to each of the parties and sanctions, which may include the suspension of federal resources and including reinstatement, when breach of the agreement or deviation from them is noticed;
- VI. Show the programs to be implemented in a coordinated manner by the Secretariat of the federal states and municipalities and, where appropriate, in consultation with the organizations of the social and private sectors;
- VII. Establish the commitment of governments of the States and, where appropriate, the Municipalities with whom the conventions of coordination, quarterly provide the Secretariat of Public Function programmatic-budget information, physical and financial progress and subscribe closures exercise, in relation to the various programs, actions, works and agreed services and the information that it requires in general;
- VIII. Indicate the term and its publication in the official organs of dissemination of the respective governments, and
- IX. Bookmark the grounds for early termination.

## SECTION II

### About coordination agreements

ARTICLE 55. In cooperation agreements it signs the Secretariat, the contributions of the Federation, the social and private sectors will be needed and, if appropriate, of international organizations for the development of actions, works, programs and services related to the organic production to be agreed. Also, the contributions made Federal States and municipalities will be needed.

ARTICLE 56. The cooperation agreements include the following:

- I. The definition of programs, projects, activities, construction, investment and services covered by the agreement, stating:

- A. Yearly expenditure program in which specific actions are identified by program and which goals, costs, geographic location, main features and where appropriate, areas of focus or producers quantified, and
- B. The commitments of the parties to the financing thereof;
- II. The congruence of programs concluded with the National Policy on Agricultural and Fisheries Production;
- III. The commitments of the parties in accordance with their competence and object, respectively, and
- IV. Other aspects covered by the Federal Law of Budget and Fiscal Responsibility, budget and program provisions, as well as the laws that are applicable.

ARTICLE 57. In cases where compliance with the programs covered by the agreement requiring the determination of specific commitments between the parties or a third party implementation annexes which are necessary be signed.

### SECTION III

#### ABOUT PROMOTION

ARTICLE 58. The Secretariat will promote the organization of fairs, exhibitions and shows, among other outreach activities, through its support programs and active participation in these events both operators and agencies.

ARTICLE 59. The Secretariat will combine efforts with various government departments, Federal Entities, and municipal, private institutions, NGOs, universities and academic and research institutions, to organize courses, workshops, conferences and forums, and exchange experiences in themes relevance, in order to promote organic production and use of the national and international markets.

ARTICLE 60. The Secretariat will encourage organic farmers to be integrated System-Product Committees established pursuant to the Law on Sustainable Rural Development.

### CHAPTER XI

#### ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM

ARTICLE 61. The Secretariat will manage the National Control System, which will be available over the Internet for consultation by any person interested in having information related to organic production in the country, and thus ensure the organic integrity of the products.

The Secretariat shall keep the information to appear in the National Control System, for which issue the guidelines for establishing, updating, authenticity, incorruptibility, security and dissemination of information generated in this system.

ARTICLE 62. The National Control System integrates with the following information:

- I. The annual report of the Organic Certification;
- II. The register;
- III. The national list referred to in paragraph B of Section X of Article 6 of the Act relates;
- IV. The provisions applicable to the Secretariat issued or other agencies of the Federal Public Administration on organic production and
- V. Other relevant information on organic production.

## SINGLE SECTION

### ABOUT REGISTRATION

ARTICLE 63. The Secretariat will integrate the Register, in a way that reflects the information in such subjects structured, updated and systematized.

ARTICLE 64. The Register is an instrument of economic and social policy aims to:

- I. Meet production and care of organic operators and features organic certification;
- II. Standardize and simplify the operation of programs related to organic production;
- III. Making efficient provision of services and supports;
- IV. Information for monitoring and evaluation of programs related to organic production;
- V. Learn to integrate national statistics on production and marketing of organic products;
- VI. Promote compliance with the criteria and eligibility requirements under the programs relating to organic production;
- VII. Verify that people receiving supports or services corresponding to the target population identified in the rules of operation of each program on organic production;
- VIII. To determine the coverage of programs related to organic production to support more effectively the development of its beneficiaries;
- IX. Determine care needs and implementing programs related to organic production specified in the National Development Plan;



- X. Transparent operation of programs related to organic production, allow for timely accountability and prevent abuses, discretion, deviations or corruption in granting benefits or services from the federal government to individuals, in accordance with applicable laws , and
- XI. Leverage information technology and communications, including the geo-referencing of multiple data.

## CHAPTER XII

### ABOUT VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

ARTICLE 65. Any person may report directly to the Ministry, the existence of facts that may constitute any administrative offenses under the Act and any violation of this or other ordinances to regulate matters related to organic production.

ARTICLE 66. The complaint may be filed by any citizen, being sufficient to grant the request, the necessary data to locate the source or the name and address of the complainant are indicated.

ARTICLE 67. The Secretariat shall notify the person or persons to whom the allegations the commencement of the administrative proceeding imputation, that is furnished evidence that it considers conducive and expose what they deem appropriate, in terms of the applicable provisions.

ARTICLE 68. Once a complaint is received, no later than within thirty working days of receipt, it shall make known to the complainant the procedure has been given to it and, where appropriate, within the next sixty working days, the result inspection and / or verification of facts.

ARTICLE 69. For the purposes of Article 47 of the Act, the term recidivism, subsequent offense to a single precept, committed within two years from the date on which the decision becomes final preceding offense if it had not been invalidated. For the second recurrence understands each subsequent violations at the same precept, committed after the date of the second strong resolution stating the commission of such offenses.

ARTICLE 70. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources will punish in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Forest and Wildlife Development and other provisions arising from those laws, organic operators who fail to comply with its obligations under Articles 12 and 25 of the Act as well as Article 16 of this Regulation.

The Secretariat and Organic Certification shall give notice to the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources on any organic operators who have not

submitted authorizations, licenses, permits or certificates referred to in Article 16 of this Regulation, in order the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources initiate proceedings.

#### TRANSITORY

FIRST. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the Federation.

SECOND. All administrative provisions contrary to this Regulation shall be repealed.

THIRD. The Rules of the Board shall be issued by the Chairman, within a period not exceeding three months from the entry into force of this Regulation.

FOURTH. Applicants who currently enjoy similar forms of organic certification and wish to be recognized as organic, shall comply with the provisions of this Regulation and the provisions applicable to this matter.

FIFTH. The Secretariat will issue a term not exceeding one year from the entry into force of this Regulation, Organic Operation Guidelines stated in article 18, section II, paragraph b) and other applicable provisions and legal instruments identified in the Act and these Regulations.

SIXTH. The Secretariat will issue a term not Exceeding one year from the entry into force of this Regulation, Organic Operation Guidelines Stated in article 18, section II, paragraph b) and other applicable legal instruments and price provider Identified in the Act and These regulations.

SEVENTH. The actions to be carried out for the implementation of the Act and this Regulation, shall be subject to the availability of resources that have been approved in the Expenditure Budget of the Federation's fiscal period of the offices of the Federal Civil Service are responsible for its implementation. Also, please observe the Federal Fiscal Responsibility and Budget and other provisions applicable to the budget.