

## Mexico established SEGALMEX for Food Security

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Mexican Food Security (Seguridad Alimentaria Mexicana or SEGALMEX) is a new agency under the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER). The agency will be in charge of national food supply and commercialization of food product both domestic and international promotion, encouragement and assistance to residents in remote areas with low incomes to obtain food with nutrition at accessible prices. Also, it will sell and contribute fertilizers, seeds with quality, and other products that could improve the productivity of agricultural and food products, in order to guarantee the national food supply.

The Government of Mexico published, on the 18 January 2019, in the Official Gazette the decree to establish the Mexican Food Security (SEGALMEX), whose purpose is to promote agri-food productivity and food distribution for the benefit of the population in remote areas of the country.

The decree establishes that SEGALMEX will operate the purchase of agri-food products at guarantee prices in favor of producers and national regions, administration of importation of agri-food products when the supply for its distribution is insufficient, promotion of the production, acquisition, supply, distribution, industrialization and commercialization of basic foods, and milk and its derivatives. In addition, it will sell, distribute or import fertilizers, seeds with quality and other products that could contribute to promoting agri-food productivity.

SEGALMEX also has to ensure that the people with low incomes obtain nutritious food at affordable prices, promote the industrialization of necessary food products, and support domestic producers by purchasing their agri-food products at prices in their favor. Also, the agency must promote the establishment of micro, small and medium companies associated with the commercialization of food products, and support the relevant scientific research and technological development.

The decree comes into effect the day after its publication in the Official Gazette and the Board of Directors will be installed in a period no longer than 45 days. Ignacio Ovalle Fernandez will be the head of the agency, whose headquarters will be located in the state of Zacatecas, in the North of Mexico.

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