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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.

<p><b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>MEXICO</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b></p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes – Agencia Reguladora del Transporte Ferroviario</i> (Ministry of Communications and Transport – Rail Transport Regulatory Agency) <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> <i>Comité Consultivo Nacional de Normalización de Transporte Ferroviario, CCNN-TF</i> (National Advisory Committee on Rail Transport Standardization) Calle Nueva York 115, Primer Piso Col. Nápoles, C.P. 03818 Delegación Benito Juárez, Ciudad de México Tel.: 57 23 93 00, 73436/73441 Email: <a href="mailto:karla.fernandez@sct.gob.mx">karla.fernandez@sct.gob.mx</a> and <a href="mailto:samuel.fuentes@sct.gob.mx">samuel.fuentes@sct.gob.mx</a></p>
<p><b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b></p>
<p><b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Railway tracks (related heading: 860600)</p>
<p><b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-003-ARTF-2018, Sistema ferroviario – Seguridad – Clasificación y especificaciones de vía</i> (Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-003-ARTF-2018: Railway System – Safety – Track classification and specifications) (38 pages, in Spanish)</p>
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified draft Mexican Official Standard is applicable to licence holders and other parties providing public rail transport services in the territory of the United Mexican States.  The Standard does not cover tracks inside a facility that does not form part of the system of general communication routes, or tracks used exclusively for rapid transit operations in an urban area that are not connected to the system of general communication routes.</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The notified draft Mexican Official Standard establishes the classification and minimum requirements for each type of track, so as to ensure the safety of rail traffic in the Mexican railway system and the improvement of tracks in accordance with technological developments.</p>

**8. Relevant documents:**

- Mexican Official Standard NOM-050-SCT2-2017: *Disposición para la señalización de cruces a nivel de caminos y calles con vías férreas*, published in the Mexican Official Journal on 11 July 2017.
- Mexican Official Standard NOM-055-SCT2-2016: *Para vía continua, unión de rieles mediante soldadura*, published in the Mexican Official Journal on 26 May 2017.
- Mexican Official Standard NOM-056-SCT2-2016: *Para durmientes de madera*, published in the Mexican Official Journal on 26 May 2017.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined.

**Proposed date of entry into force:** The notified draft Mexican Official Standard will enter into force 180 calendar days following its publication in the Official Journal as a final standard.

**10. Final date for comments:** 8 January 2019**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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