Regulations and Non-Tariff Restrictions

They are measures established by the government to restrict or regulate the import, circulation, export and transit of foreign merchandise through national territory, to protect national economies, animal or plant health.

The expression of "Non-Tariff Regulation and Restrictions" in Spanish, "Regulaciones y Restricciones No Arancelarias" (RRNA) is composed of 3 elements, and refers to the plural form of Non-Tariff, Regulations, and Restrictions, that is, that the control measures must be diverse to tariffs or customs duties.

There are 2 types:

Quantitative: Qualitative

-Import Licenses - Label Regulations

-Space - Containers and Packaging Regulations

-Compensatory Fee - Country of Origin

- Technical Norms

- Quality Norms

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In the case of imports, Mexico requires the importer to re-label the products to include, in Spanish, the relevant information about contents of the products, name and country of origin of the producer, and information about the importer, port of entry, etc.

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All imported merchandise should meet minimum sanitary and safety standards and many products must also comply with the Mexican Standards of Quality, referred to as Mexican Official Norms (NOM).

Official Mexican Standards, or "Normas Oficiales Mexicanas" (**NOM**s), are legal enforcement documents regulating products, processes or services that may constitute a safety or health risk for people, animals, plants, or the environment in general.

Regulations stipulate that the minimum required information to be included on label is:

- Description of the goods.
- Importer's name and address.
- Warnings or precautionary information in the case of hazardous products.
- Instructions for use and storage.
- Expiration date (if applicable).

Certain imports and exports are also subject to regulations by the Secretaryship of the Environment and Natural Resources, in Spanish, "Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales" (SEMARNAT).

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