

### Conformity Assessment Procedure of Mexican Official Standard NOM-006-SCFI-2012, Alcoholic Beverages, Tequila-Specifications

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On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Conformity Assessment Procedure (the "Assessment Procedure") of NOM-006-SCFI-2012, Alcoholic Beverages, Tequila-Specifications ("NOM-006"), was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation. The purpose of such resolution is to establish the requirements and procedures for sampling, testing, calibration, certification and inspection to determine compliance with the NOM-006, so that interested parties may use the Appellation of Origin "Tequila".

According to the publication, the Assessment Procedure must be done by duly accredited and approved organisms according to the applicable legislation, through sampling, testing, calibration, inspection and certification procedures. It is worth mentioning that this procedure includes a permanent on-site inspection activity by such certification organisms.

The certification process foreseen in the Assessment Procedure includes an initial process and follow-up activities by the organisms, where the manufacturer shall demonstrate compliance with NOM-006, in order to use of the appellation of origin Tequila.

The Assessment Procedure will be enforced 180 calendar days after its publication (which was on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022). Compliance surveillance will be in charge of the Ministry of Economy and its verification will be conducted by the Federal Consumer Protection Agency (*Procuraduría Federal del Consumidor*).

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