



**Joint Statement by the Dairy Sectors of the United States and Mexico  
on their Third Annual Meeting  
October 17, 2018**

The representatives of the organizations of milk producers and the dairy processors of Mexico:

- Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas (CNOG)
- Asociación Nacional de Ganaderos Lecheros (ANGLAC)
- Cámara Nacional de Industriales de la Leche (CANILEC)

And the representatives of the organizations of milk producers of the United States:

- National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF)
- U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)

On their third annual meeting within the framework of the partnership to strengthen the productive sector for milk in North America, held in Rosemont, Illinois, hereby agree to:

1. *Preserve, facilitate and enhance trade between the two nations, as well as promote the elimination of trade barriers of any kind in the milk and dairy sector.*
2. *Preserve this forum for discussion and analysis of the relevant topics and issues of the milk and dairy producing sectors of Mexico and the United States.*
3. *Have as a key objective the expansion of dairy consumption in both countries to the benefit of producers and manufacturers in the United States and Mexico.*
4. *Promote joint activities that help increase the consumption of our dairy products within our region.*
5. *Identify and promote actions that improve the productivity of dairy farms in Mexico and the United States.*
6. *Continuously seeking to strengthen the image of milk and dairy products in both countries to defend against the improper usage of milk and milk product names by other products of non-dairy origin.*
7. *Maintain an open communication channel between the milk and dairy producers' organizations of both countries, with the aim of achieving consensus for the benefit of our industries. Likewise, exchange information and successful experiences through the participation of members of both countries in forums and congresses organized by our associations.*
8. *Express the need for stabilization in our markets in recognition of the economic, social and political importance and certainty that this agreement offers to our industries.*

*9. Work on the strengthening of cooperation in the area of technological exchange and training, both in terms of milk production at the farm level and in quality improvement of milk and dairy products from the nutritional standpoint.*

*10. Continue activities in defense of common food names, in particular, cheese names, allowing their free use in our North American market.*

Our industries benefit from a strong and united dairy industry under the framework of the new AMEC - USMCA, and we urge the governments involved in the negotiation to expeditiously ratify, implement and continue the work of modernizing this agreement for the benefit of our geographical zone and its consumers.

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