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Organic Exports to Mexico Must be Certified to Mexican Organic Standards by June 2021 - [link](#)

Mexico published the “Measure Establishing Merchandise whose Importation is Subject to Regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER), as well as the Issuance of Certificate of Origin for the Export of Coffee” dated December 26, 2020 with an implementation date of December 28, 2020. Notably, the measure affects organic agricultural imports entering Mexico, which must be certified by SADER to Mexico’s organic standards under the Organic Products Law (LPO) starting on June 26, 2021.

No Ringing in the New Year for South Africans - Alcohol Banned Again – [link](#)

On December 28, 2020, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a total ban on the sale of alcohol from stores, restaurants and bars until January 15, 2021, except in the case of exports or for sanitizers. The prohibition is in response to surging cases of COVID-19 that are associated with a new, more infectious strain of the virus. This is the third time since March that the government has banned all alcohol sales. The South African alcohol industry is calling for a review of the ban, stating that there are other ways to address the spike in COVID cases.

