



Michoacan's Avocado Supply Chain Under Criminal Pressure

Security threats to inspectors expose a recurring vulnerability in U.S.-Mexico agricultural trade.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United States is partially restarting activities in Michoacan after a security alert halted the inspections required for avocado exports. Mexico deployed more than 1,500 security personnel to the state. The event is the latest in a recurring series of inspection disruptions and demonstrates how organized-crime violence can interrupt the regulatory personnel and processes on which a major cross-border food supply chain depends.

KEY JUDGMENTS

Immediate U.S. supply impact appears limited because inventories and shipments already in transit can cushion a short interruption.

The strategic vulnerability is recurring: inspection activity has been disrupted by security concerns in 2022, 2024, and 2026.

Threats against inspectors can produce commercial effects without attacking farms, packing houses, border crossings, or transport infrastructure directly.

Extended or repeated suspensions would increase price, inventory, and contract risk.

RECURRING INSPECTION DISRUPTIONS

Security concerns interrupted export inspections in 2022, 2024, and 2026. The pattern indicates a structural exposure in the certification layer of the trade rather than isolated incidents.

ANALYTIC NOTE

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