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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>HONDURAS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> , SAG (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Organic agriculture produce
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries which export organic agriculture produce to Honduras
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Reglamento sobre Agricultura Orgánica</i> (Regulation on organic agriculture) (49 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: The notified Regulation seeks to: • regulate the production, processing, import, export and marketing of organic agriculture produce and lay down the procedures, steps and rules for the different stages of the processes related to and the certification of such products; • establish mechanisms to protect consumers against deception and fraud in the market-place and unsubstantiated product claims; • establish mechanisms to protect producers of organic produce against misrepresentation of other non-controlled agricultural produce as being organic; • ensure that all stages of production, processing, preparation, storage, transport, import, export and marketing are subject to inspection and comply with these guidelines.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☒ protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: ☒ Codex Alimentarius Commission, ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), ☐ International Plant Protection Convention, ☐ None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulation on organic agriculture (31 pages, in Spanish).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: This Regulation will enter into force upon publication in the <i>Diario Oficial La Gaceta</i> (Official Journal).
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12.	Final date for comments: 60 days Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería Website: www.sag.gob.hn Blvd. Centro América, Ave. La FAO Tegucigalpa, República de Honduras Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SENASA) Tel.: + (504) 231-0786 Fax: + (504) 239-1144 Website: www.senasa.gob.hn
13.	Texts available from: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería Blvd. Centro América, Ave. La FAO Tegucigalpa, República de Honduras Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SENASA) Tel.: + (504) 231-0786 Fax: + (504) 239-1144 Website: www.sag.gob.hn