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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:** *Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería*, 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): Products of plant and animal origin
- **4.** Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries which export products of plant and animal origin to Honduras
- **5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:** *Reglamento de Cuarentena Agropecuaria* (Regulation on agricultural quarantine) (47 pages, in Spanish)
- **6. Description of content:** The notified Regulation seeks to:

Establish the technical, administrative and legal provisions for protecting the country's agricultural health by means of measures to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of pests and diseases of economic, quarantine and social significance which jeopardize human, animal and plant health in Honduras;

protect animals and plants, the products and by-products thereof and other regulated articles from pest and disease damage;

protect national territory from the introduction and/or spread of regulated diseases and pests of animals and plants and the products and by-products thereof;

ensure that sanitary and phytosanitary measures are useful, effective, safe, objective and impartial;

establish the sanitary and phytosanitary conditions required for the production of and international trade in Honduran agricultural goods; and

enable Honduras to fulfil its commitments under the international agreements to which it is party and ensure the consistency of national legislation with such agreements.

7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests

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8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:

[] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [X] 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 agricultural quarantine (22 pages, in Spanish).
- **10. Proposed date of adoption:** This Regulation will enter into force upon publication in the *Diario Oficial La Gaceta* (Official Journal).
- 11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** This Regulation will enter into force upon publication in the Official Journal.
- **12. Final date for comments:** 60 days

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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