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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: PANAMA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias</i> (Ministry of Trade and Industry)
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): Cheese (ICS code: 67.100.30)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: <i>Reglamento Técnico - Tecnología de los alimentos. Productos lácteos. Mozzarella. Especificaciones.</i> (Technical Regulations: Food Technology. Dairy products. Mozzarella. Specifications.) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PAN/26_01225_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The notified Technical Regulations establish the technical and sanitary, and quality provisions for mozzarella cheese. They apply to the manufacturing, handling, distribution and marketing of this product.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Standard for Mozzarella (CXS 262-2006) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO and WHO. 1995. General Standard for Food Additives. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 192-1995. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1978. General Standard for Cheese. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 283-1978. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 2001. Group Standard for Unripened Cheese, including Fresh Cheese. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 221-2001. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1999. General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 206-1999. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1995. General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 193-1995. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1969. General Principles of Food Hygiene. Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice, CXC 1-1969. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 2004. Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products. Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice, CXC 57-2004. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1997. Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Foods. Codex Alimentarius Guidelines, CXG 21-1997. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1985. General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 1-1985. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1997. Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims Codex Alimentarius Guidelines, CXG 23-1997. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 2021. General Standard for the Labelling of Non-retail Containers of Foods, CXS 346-2021. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome. • FAO and WHO. 1999. Recommended Methods of Analysis and Sampling. Codex Alimentarius Standard, CXS 234-1999. Codex Alimentarius Commission. Rome.
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias (Ministry of Trade and Industry)</i> <i>Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial (Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology)</i> Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3er Piso. Panama City, Panama Tel.: (+507) 560 0756, Ext. 0756 (+507) 560 0760, Ext. 0760 (+507) 560 4401, Ext. 4401 Email: dgnti@mici.gob.pa jgallardo@mici.gob.pa hmontes@mici.gob.pa Website: https://mici.gob.pa/dgnti-consulta-publica/</p>