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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 Salud/Departamento de Protección de Alimentos y Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias</i> (Ministry of Health, Food Protection Department, and 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): International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 67.050
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 Centroamericano RTCA 67.04.50:17 Alimentos. Criterios microbiológicos para la inocuidad de los alimentos.</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.50:17: "Food products. Microbiological criteria for food safety") Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 58
6. Description of content: The notified Regulation establishes the microbiological parameters and permissible limits for the registration and sanitary surveillance of food products. The provisions of this Regulation apply to all food products marketed in Central American countries.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 No.): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [] Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 August 2017 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body: Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3er Piso Panamá, Panamá Tel.: +(507) 560 0600, Ext. 5968, 5963 or 5964 Email: mortega@mici.gob.pa or earias@mici.gob.pa</p>
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