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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service)
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 67.040: Food products in general
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 67.06.74:16, Productos Agropecuarios Orgánicos, Requisitos para la Producción, el Procesamiento, la Comercialización, la Certificación y el Etiquetado</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 66 Text available at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CRI/16_3429_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified Technical Regulation establishes the provisions and procedures governing the production, registration, certification, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of organic agricultural products. It applies to the following products that carry or should carry a descriptive label relating to organic production methods. A product is considered to carry information concerning organic production methods when the label or property claims, including advertising material and commercial documents, describe the product or its ingredients using the terms "organic", "biological" or "ecological" or other similar internationally recognized vocabulary, including abbreviated forms, which suggest to the buyer that the product or its ingredients have been obtained using organic production methods in the country in which they have been put on the market. This Technical Regulation is binding upon all natural and legal persons engaged in the production, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of certified organic agricultural products as well as upon the public and private bodies engaged in the registration, control and/or certification of such products.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) Codex Alimentarius Commission guidelines CAC/GL 32-1999</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 October 2016</p> <p>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>
13.	<p>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>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE) Centro de Información y Notificación MSF Apartado Postal 1521 - 1200 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549-3454 Fax: (+506) 2549-3598 E-mail: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>