



NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> (State Phytosanitary Service, 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): Milk and processed milk products (ICS: 67.100.10)
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 67.04.79:23 Productos Lácteos. Yoghurt (Yogurt, Yogurth, Yoghurt, Yogourt). Specifications</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.79:23: Milk products. Yoghurt. Specifications) Language(s): Spanish. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CRI/23_11058_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) establishes the technical specifications to be met by yoghurt, conforming to the definition set out in Article 4.1 thereof. It applies to yoghurt for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	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): CXS 243-2003 Standard for Fermented Milks <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 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:

9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RTCA Industria de alimentos y bebidas procesados. Buenas Prácticas de Manufactura. Principios Generales</i> (current version). • <i>RTCA Alimentos. Criterios Microbiológicos para la inocuidad de alimentos</i> (current version). • <i>RTCA Alimentos y Bebidas Procesadas. Aditivos Alimentarios</i> (current version). • <i>RTCA Etiquetado General de los Alimentos Previamente Envasados (Preenvasados)</i> (current version). • <i>RTCA Etiquetado Nutricional de Productos Alimenticios Preenvasados para Consumo Humano para la Población a partir de 3 años de edad</i> (current version). • <i>RTCA Uso de Términos Lecheros</i> (current version). <p>(Available in Spanish)</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: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Eight months after publication</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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): 15 September 2023</p> <p>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:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) <i>Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (State Phytosanitary Service) <i>Centro de Información y Notificación MSF</i> (SPS Enquiry and Notification Point) Apartado Postal 1521 - 1200 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549 3454 Fax: (+506) 2549 3598 Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>