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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal, SENASA</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, National Animal Health 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): Animals intended for the human food chain and the production areas thereof (water, crops, pastures, <i>inter alia</i>)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Reglamento para la Prohibición de Productos que Contengan Verde de Malaquita para Uso Animal. Decreto N°33720-MAG, Gaceta N° 96 del 21 de mayo de 2007</i> (Regulation prohibiting products containing malachite green for animal use. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Decree No. 33720-MAG, published in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 96 of 21 May 2007) (2 pages, in Spanish).
6. Description of content: The notified Regulation prohibits the importation, registration, manufacture, processing, marketing, innocent transit through national territory and use of products containing malachite green in animals intended for the human food chain and in the production areas thereof. Malachite green may only be prescribed for use in ornamental aquatic species.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Decree No. 33720-MAG, published in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 96 of 21 May 2007.
10. Proposed date of adoption: Immediately.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Journal.
12. Final date for comments: 60 days as from the date of notification. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal (SENASA) Centro de Información y Notificación en Medidas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias Apartado Postal 70-3006 Barreal de Heredia, Costa Rica Tel.: +(506) 260-8300 Fax: +(506) 262-7831 E-mail: notificaciones@protechnet.go.cr