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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>Instituto Costarricense de Pesca y Acuicultura</i> , INCOPESCA (Costa Rican Fisheries and Aquaculture Institute)
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): Fishery products
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 sobre Procedimiento de Registro de Temperatura de Productos Hidrobiológicos a Bordo de las Embarcaciones con Licencia de Pesca Comercial Artesanal Media y Avanzada, de Bandera Extranjera y en los Puestos de Recibo y Centros de Acopio</i> (Regulations on the procedure for recording the temperature of hydrobiological products on board vessels licensed for medium-scale or advanced commercial artisanal fishing, including foreign-flagged vessels, and in reception and collection centres). Published in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 23 of 1 February 2007 (6 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The notified text refers to the procedure for taking and recording the temperatures of hydrobiological products on board national and foreign-flagged vessels.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [X] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Chapter II, Article 5 of Law No. 7384 establishing the Costa Rican Fisheries and Aquaculture Institute (INCOPECA), in which INCOPECA is made responsible for regulating the supply of fishery products destined for human consumption on the domestic market, the supply of raw material for the domestic fishing industry, and the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products.</p> <p><i>Ley 8436 de Pesca y Acuicultura</i> (Fisheries and Aquaculture Law No. 8436), Article 99 of which provides that whoever markets and processes marine, fishery and aquaculture resources shall be subject to the marketing, health, quality and inspection standards set by the competent authorities in that respect.</p> <p><i>Reglamento sobre Procedimiento de Registro de Temperatura de Productos Hidrobiológicos a Bordo de las Embarcaciones con Licencia de Pesca Comercial Artesanal Media y Avanzada, de Bandera Extranjera y en los Puestos de Recibo y Centros de Acopio</i> (Regulations on the procedure for recording the temperature of hydrobiological products on board vessels licensed for medium-scale or advanced commercial artisanal fishing, including foreign-flagged vessels, and in reception and collection centres). Published in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 23 of 1 February 2007 (6 pages, in Spanish)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Six months after publication in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i></p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 August 2007</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado y Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal Centro de Información y Notificación en Medidas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias Apartado Postal 70-3006 Barreal de Heredia Costa Rica Tel.: +(506) 260 83 00, ext. 2065 Fax: +(506) 260 78 31 E-mail: notificaciones@protecnet.go.cr</p>