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Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade), <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) and <i>Ministerio de Salud</i> (Ministry of Health)</p>
<p>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 67.080 Kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L)</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners</p>
<p>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Reglamento Técnico RTCR 403:2007: Vainica para Consumo en Estado Fresco</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 403:2007: Fresh kidney beans for consumption) (9 pages, in Spanish).</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The notified Technical Regulation establishes the quality, safety, packaging and labelling requirements for fresh domestic and imported kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L) for human consumption in Costa Rica</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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:</p>

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The following references were used to draft this technical regulation:

- Costa Rica. 1993. Executive Decree No. 22268-MEIC of the Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 132 of 13 July 1993. Costa Rican Standard (NCR) No. 143:1993: *Metrología. Contenido Neto de Preempacados* (Metrology: Net contents of pre-packaged goods) and amendments thereto. San José, Costa Rica, National Printing Press.
- Costa Rica. 1996. Executive Decree No. 24907-MEIC of the Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 25 of 5 February 1996. Costa Rican Standard (NCR) No. 230:1995: *Productos Hortícolas Frescos. Muestreo* (Fresh horticultural products. Sampling). San José, Costa Rica, National Printing Press, p. 4-5.
- Costa Rica. 1997. Executive Decree No. 26012-MEIC of the Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 91 of 14 May 1997. Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 100:1997: *Etiquetado de los Alimentos Preenvasados* (Labelling of pre-packaged foods) and amendments thereto. San José, Costa Rica, National Printing Press, p. 2-6.
- *Consejo Nacional de Producción*, CNP (National Production Council), *Estudio de Caracterización de Vainica, Cosecha Invierno 2005, para Elaborar el Reglamento Técnico* (Study on kidney beans: winter 2005 harvest, with a view to the development of a technical regulation). San José, Costa Rica. 13 pages.
- National Production Council. *Estudio de Caracterización de Vainica, Cosecha Veranera 2005, para Elaborar el Reglamento Técnico* (Study on kidney beans: summer 2005 harvest, with a view to the development of a technical regulation). San José, Costa Rica. 13 pages.

10. Proposed date of adoption: Upon publication in the Official Journal *La Gaceta*.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: Three months' validity following publication in the Official Journal.

12. Final date for comments: 60 days as from the date of notification.

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