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Committee on Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> <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).  |
| 3. | <b>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):</b> International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 67.080: lettuce   |
| 4. | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br>Trading partners  |
| 5. | <b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Reglamento Técnico RTCR 402:2007: Lechuga para Consumo en Estado Fresco</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 402:2007: Fresh lettuce for consumption) (9 pages, in Spanish).   |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> The notified Technical Regulation establishes the quality, safety, packaging and labelling requirements for fresh domestic and imported lettuce ( <i>Lactuca sativa</i> ) for human consumption in Costa Rica.  |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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  |
| 8. | <b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br><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<br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> |

**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 lechuga: Cosecha Veranera 2005 para Desarrollo de Reglamento Técnico* (Lettuce study: summer 2005 harvest, with a view to the development of a technical regulation). San José, Costa Rica. 16 pages.
- National Production Council. *Estudio de Caracterización de Lechuga: Cosecha Invierno 2005 para Desarrollo del Reglamento Técnico* (Lettuce study: winter 2005 harvest, with a view to the development of a technical regulation). San José, Costa Rica. 19 pages.

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**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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