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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Industry and Trade (SIC) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Directorate-General of Economic Integration and Trade Policy Boulevard José Cecilio del Valle Edificio San José 4to piso Tegucigalpa Tel./Fax: (+504) 235 5057 E-mail: pcomercial@ sic.gob.hn Web site:www.sic.gob.hn
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS: 2711; ICS: 75.160.30
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: HN-RTCA 75.01.21:05: <i>Productos de Petróleo. Gases Licuados de Petróleo: Propano Comercial, Butano Comercial y sus Mezclas. Especificaciones.</i> (Honduran Standard-Central American Technical Regulation No. 75.01.21:05: Petroleum Products. Liquefied Petroleum Gases: Commercial Propane, Commercial Butane and Mixtures Thereof. Specifications). (9 pages, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: This technical regulation applies to liquefied petroleum gas marketed in Central American countries. The regulation specifies the physico-chemical characteristics of two grades of liquefied petroleum gas: commercial propane and commercial butane, generally used as heating fuel in the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors, as motor vehicle fuel and as a raw material for the petrochemical industry. Any mixture of these products can be used provided that the mixtures comply with the specifications set forth in this regulation.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:
	Protection of health and human life; environmental protection.
8.	Relevant documents:
	<p>- American Society for Testing of Materials (ASTM) Standard ASTM D 1835-03: <i>Standard Specification for Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases.</i></p> <p>- Gas Processor Association (GPA) Standard 2140-97: <i>Liquefied Petroleum Gas Specifications and Test Methods.</i></p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: Eight days after publication in the <i>Diario Oficial</i> (Official Journal)</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</p> <p>Dirección General de Reproducción y Consumo Boulevard José Cecilio del Valle Edificio San José, 3er piso Tegucigalpa Tel./Fax: + (504) 235 5006 E-mail: normalizacion@sic.gob.hn Web site: www.sic.gob.hn</p>