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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.	Notifying Member: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)
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): Seeds
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Proyecto de Resolución del Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario - ICA "Por medio de la cual se reglamenta la producción, importación, comercialización, y exportación de semillas producto del mejoramiento genético para la siembra en el país, así como el registro de las unidades de evaluación agronómica y las unidades de investigación en fitomejoramiento y se dictan otras disposiciones"</i> (Draft Colombian Agricultural Institute Resolution "regulating the production, importation, marketing and exportation of genetically improved seeds for sowing in Colombia, and the registration of agronomic assessment units and plant breeding research units, and issuing other provisions) (94 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The notified draft Resolution covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; Quality of seeds marketed; Registration of producers, importers, marketers and exporters of seeds for sowing in Colombia and registration of agronomic assessment units and plant breeding research units; National Register of Commercial Cultivars; Labelling and repackaging of seeds; Obligations and prohibitions; General provisions; Annex I - Minimum specific quality requirements for certified seed production; and Annex II - Minimum quality requirements for the marketing of selected seed.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of plant life and health and prevention of deceptive practices.
8.	Relevant documents: Law No. 101 of 1993, Decree No. 1840 of 1994, Resolution No. 1881 of 10 July 1992, Resolution No. 2692 of 18 November 1998, Resolution No. 2501 of 10 September 2003, Resolution No. 456 of 18 February 2009, and Colombian Agricultural Institute Resolution No. 970 of 10 March 2010, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/137/Add.1.

- 9. Proposed date of adoption:** Date on which the Resolution is signed. Upon publication in the Official Journal.
- Proposed date of entry into force:** Date on which the Resolution is signed. Upon publication in the Official Journal.
- 10. Final date for comments:** 24 November 2014
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**
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