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Committee on Regional Trade Agreements  
Council for Trade in Services

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### NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

<b>1. Member(s) notifying:</b> Nicaragua and Panama
<b>2. Date of notification:</b> 25 February 2013
<b>3. Notification pursuant to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article V:7(a) of GATS <input type="checkbox"/> Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause
<b>4. Parties to the Agreement:</b> Nicaragua and Panama
<b>5. Date of signature:</b> <u>Regulatory text:</u> 6 March 2002 <u>Bilateral Protocol:</u> 15 January 2009
<b>6. Date(s) of entry into force:</b> The Agreement entered into force on <b>21 November 2009</b> . The tariff elimination programme (Annex 3.04) entered into force on 1 January 2010.
<b>7. Brief description of the Agreement:</b> The Central America-Panama Free Trade Agreement consists of two parts: the statutory part and the Bilateral Protocol between Nicaragua and Panama. The statutory part is divided into 22 chapters with the following headings: initial provisions, general definitions, national treatment and market access for goods, rules of origin, customs procedures, safeguard measures, unfair trading practices, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards-related measures, metrology and approval procedures, investment, cross-border trade in services, financial services, telecommunications, temporary entry of business persons, competition policy, government procurement, intellectual property, transparency, administration of the Agreement, dispute settlement, exceptions, and final provisions. The Bilateral Protocol contains Annex 3.04 (tariff elimination programme) and the schedules annexed thereto; Annex 3.09 (restrictions on domestic support and export subsidy programmes); Annex 3.10(6) (import and export restrictions); Annex 4.03 (specific rules of origin), Section C - Nicaragua - Panama bilateral rules of origin; Annex 10.11(1) (expropriation and compensation); Annexes I, II, III and IV to Chapter 10 (investment) and Annexes I, II and V to Chapter 11 (cross-border trade in services) and explanatory notes thereto; Appendix 11.16(6) to Annex 11.16 (international freight transportation by road); Annex VI to Chapter 12 (financial services) and explanatory notes thereto; and Annex 16.01 (excluded entities) to Chapter 16 (government procurement).

- 8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:**  
**[ ] submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)**  
**[X] available from the following official Internet link(s):**

**Nicaragua:**

Statutory part:

["http://www.mific.gob.ni/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5rXS1cbslfw%3d&tabid=428&language=en-US"](http://www.mific.gob.ni/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5rXS1cbslfw%3d&tabid=428&language=en-US)

Protocol:

["http://www.mific.gob.ni/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=d3yBrGhtph8%3d&tabid=428&language=en-US"](http://www.mific.gob.ni/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=d3yBrGhtph8%3d&tabid=428&language=en-US)

**Panama:**

<http://www.mici.gob.pa/detalle.php?cid=15&sid=57&clid=25&id=2451>