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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal</i> (National Animal Health Service), <i>Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado</i> (State Phytosanitary Service), <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)
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): Live animals, products and by-products of animal origin, their derivatives and waste products, hazardous substances, animal feed and veterinary medicines, or biotechnological material of animal origin; plants and plant products, basic commodities, as well as other non-plant materials, where applicable.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: <i>Circular SENASA-SFE-R001-2020. Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal (SENASA) y el Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE) comunica readecuación en forma temporal de los procedimientos técnicos ordinarios de manera que estos no se tornen en un obstáculo innecesario al comercio exterior y al abastecimiento nacional en momentos de crisis.</i> (Circular SENASA-SFE-R001-2020. The National Animal Health Service (SENASA) and the State Phytosanitary Service (SFE) announce temporary adjustments to normal technical procedures to ensure that they do not become an unnecessary obstacle to foreign trade and domestic supply in times of crisis.) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CRI/20_2456_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The notified Circular authorizes officials from the Animal Health Service and the State Phytosanitary Service to review documents using copies of the original documents, which may be either printouts or simple photocopies, in order to avoid unduly slowing down trade flows during the COVID-19 international epidemiological emergency.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 16 March 2020</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (MAG) Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE) Centro de Información y Notificación en MSF P.O. Box No. 1521-1200 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549 3407 Fax: (+506) 2549 3598 Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (MAG) Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE) Centro de Información y Notificación en MSF P.O. Box No. 1521-1200 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549 3407 Fax: (+506) 2549 3598 Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>