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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON FINDING SERIOUS INJURY OR THREAT
THEREOF CAUSED BY INCREASED IMPORTS****NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(C) OF
THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS****NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

COSTA RICA

*Refined white sugar**Revision*

The following communication, dated 20 August 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Costa Rica**.

With regard to the previous notifications G/SG/N/8/CRI/2, G/SG/N/10/CRI/2 and G/SG/N/11/CRI/2 dated 9 July 2020, in which Costa Rica notified a determination of threat of serious injury; the decision to impose a safeguard measure on imports of "sugar in solid form, granulated, known as white sugar, for household and industrial consumption, including plantation, specialty and refined white sugars" (hereinafter: refined white sugar); and the list of developing country Members that will be exempt from the application of this measure, Costa Rica requests that the amendments outlined in this communication be made.

This amendment reflects what was adopted in Resolution No. DM-073-2020-MEIC of 7 August 2020 in response to the appeal for reconsideration filed against Resolution No. DM 058-2020-MEIC of 15 June 2020 on the request for application of a definitive safeguard measure on imports of refined white sugar, which was the basis for notifications G/SG/N/8/CRI/2, G/SG/N/10/CRI/2 and G/SG/N/11/CRI/2 dated 9 July 2020.

The following paragraphs from notifications G/SG/N/8/CRI/2, G/SG/N/10/CRI/2 and G/SG/N/11/CRI/2 dated 9 July 2020 should be replaced by the following:

"4. Precise description of the proposed measure (Harmonized System (HS) codes at a 6-digit level, and at a sub-national level - 8-digit - if practicable)

Definitive safeguard measure consisting of an additional 27.68% on the existing tariff level of 45% of the import customs duty (DAI), bringing the total to 72.68% on the CIF value of all imports of sugar in solid form, granulated, known as refined white sugar, for household and industrial consumption, including plantation, specialty and refined white sugars, of whatever origin, imported into Costa Rica under tariff subheading 1701.99.00.00.

5. Proposed date of introduction of the measure

The measure will come into effect on 19 August 2020, the day following the date of publication of the extract from Resolution No. DM-073-2020-MEIC in the Official Journal."

"7. Expected timetable for progressive liberalization of the measure, since the expected duration of the measure is over one year

In order to facilitate the adjustment of the domestic industry in accordance with Article 7.4 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the safeguard measure will be liberalized progressively and at regular intervals during the period of application, in accordance with the following timetable:

Date	Reduction	Tariff
Entry into force:		72.68%
1 st year following the date of entry into force	9.23%	63.46%
2 nd year following the date of entry into force	9.23%	54.23%
3 rd year following the date of entry into force	9.23%	45.00%

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"11. Reference, in electronic form, to (the) publicly available document(s) containing the relevant decision(s) made by the competent authority

The following link provides access to Resolution No. DM-058-2020-MEIC of 15 June 2020 of the Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade (MEIC) on the request for application of a definitive safeguard measure on imports of "sugar in solid form, granulated, known as refined white sugar, for household and industrial consumption, including plantation, specialty and refined white sugars", which, under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, enters Costa Rica under tariff subheading 1701.99.00.00; and Resolution No. DM-073-2020-MEIC of 7 August 2020 responding to the appeal for reconsideration filed against Resolution No. DM-058-2020-MEIC from MEIC Trade Defence Directorate File No. 001-2019:

<http://reventazon.meic.go.cr/informacion/pcd/058-20.pdf>."