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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service)
3.	<b>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):</b> HS code: 0604 - Foliage, branches and other parts of plants. Christmas trees ( <i>Abies alba</i> )
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Canada
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución 002-2014 ARP-SFE Establecimiento de Requisitos Fitosanitarios para la Importación de Árboles de Navidad Procedentes de Canadá</i> (Resolution 002-2014 ARP-SFE: Phytosanitary requirements for the importation of Christmas trees from Canada) <b>Language(s):</b> Spanish <b>Number of pages:</b> 3  Text available at: <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CRI/14_3261_00_s.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CRI/14_3261_00_s.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The information provided by the Canadian authorities in charge of Christmas tree export certification has been evaluated with a view to changing phytosanitary requirements so as to avoid the mandatory fumigation treatment of Christmas trees ( <i>Abies alba</i> ) from Canada.  Officials from the Laboratory (Central Laboratory for Pest Diagnosis) and Phytosanitary Certification Departments of the State Phytosanitary Service carried out a visit to the area of origin of the product, during which they evaluated other pests recorded in the registers to which they had access during the on-site inspection, and examined the information provided by the relevant Canadian certification programme.  Following the evaluation of pests along the product's production path, it was decided that shipments from Canada should meet the following phytosanitary requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the accompanying phytosanitary certificate should contain an additional declaration stating that the product is "free from <i>Chionaspis pinifoliae</i>, <i>Monochamus spp.</i>, <i>Lymantria dispar</i>, <i>Oligonychus ununguis</i>, <i>Gremmoniella abietina</i>, <i>Lirula nervata</i>, <i>Melampsorella carophyllacearum</i>."</li><li>- Only companies that comply with the provisions laid down in the Clean Plant Program of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) may be certified for the export of Christmas trees to Costa Rica.</li><li>- Shipments will be subject to phytosanitary control at the point of entry into Costa Rica by officials of the State Phytosanitary Service in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, who will verify compliance with the phytosanitary requirements and decide whether or not to authorize importation, on the basis of the accompanying documents.</li></ul>

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Análisis de riesgo por Vía de Entrada para la importación de árboles de navidad (abetos: Pseudotsuga menziesii y Abies spp. procedentes de Canadá</i> (Risk analysis by pathway for the importation of Christmas trees (fir trees: <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> and <i>Abies</i> spp.) from Canada) (available in Spanish)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Immediately</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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 type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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  Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE)  Centro de Información y Notificación MSF  Apartado Postal 1521 - 1200  San José, Costa Rica  Tel.: (+506) 2 549-3454  Fax: (+506) 2 549-3598  Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>