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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>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service)
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): Technical grade active ingredients and formulated synthetic pesticides containing the active ingredient alachlor.
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>Prohibición del registro, importación, exportación, fabricación, formulación, almacenamiento, distribución, transporte, reempaque, reenvase, manipulación, venta, mezcla y uso de ingredientes activos grado técnico y plaguicidas sintéticos formulados que contengan el ingrediente activo alachlor. Decreto Ejecutivo N°38677-MAG-S-MINAE-MTSS</i> (Ban on the registration, importation, exportation, manufacture, formulation, storage, distribution, transportation, repacking, repackaging, handling, sale, blending and use of technical grade active ingredients and formulated synthetic pesticides containing the active ingredient alachlor. Executive Decree No. 38677-MAG-S-MINAE-MTSS), published in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 44 of 4 March 2015 Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CRI/15_1369_00_S.pdf
6.	Description of content: The purpose of the notified Decree is to prohibit the registration, importation, exportation, manufacture, formulation, storage, distribution, transportation, repacking, repackaging, handling, sale, blending and use of technical grade active ingredients and formulated synthetic pesticides containing the active ingredient alachlor.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input 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) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<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.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal; – Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; – Rotterdam Convention.
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 March 2015</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4 March 2015</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 March 2015. Natural or legal persons registering, importing, exporting, manufacturing, formulating, storing, distributing, transporting, repacking, repackaging, handling, selling, blending and using technical grade active ingredients and formulated synthetic pesticides containing alachlor will have a non-extendable period of six months from the date of publication of this Decree in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> to use up their stocks in the domestic market.</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>Text(s) 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) 2549 3454 Fax: (+506) 2549 3598 Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>