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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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): HS code 0804: Fresh avocados
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Australia, Spain, Ghana, Guatemala, Israel, Mexico, South Africa and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Resolución N° DSFE 03-2015 de Medidas Fitosanitarias Importaciones de Persea americana Mill</i> (Resolution DSFE 03-2015 on phytosanitary measures applicable to imports of <i>Persea americana</i> Mill) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 3 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CRI/15_1870_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: Precautionary measure relating to the presence of <i>Avocado Sunblotch Viroid</i> in various avocado-producing countries. The notified text temporarily suspends the issuing of phytosanitary import certificates for avocados (<i>Persea americana</i> Mill) from the following countries: Australia, Spain, Ghana, Guatemala, Israel, Mexico, South Africa and Venezuela. It orders the revision of phytosanitary requirements, through the updating of the pest risk analysis for <i>Avocado Sunblotch Viroid</i> .
7.	Objective and rationale: <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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: The most recent samples taken to verify the absence of <i>Avocado Sunblotch Viroid</i> in Costa Rica confirmed that the disease was not present. The notified text therefore temporarily suspends the issuing of phytosanitary import certificates for avocados (<i>Persea americana</i> Mill) from the following countries: Australia, Spain, Ghana, Guatemala, Israel, Mexico, South Africa and Venezuela. Existing phytosanitary import requirements for avocados will be revised and updated through a pest risk analysis.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM No.</i>) ISPM No. 20: Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Immediately. The measure will be applied while the relevant pest risk analysis is being carried out.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<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>