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### **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

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### **NOTIFICATION**

#### Addendum

The following communication, received on 21 October 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Costa Rica</u>.

<u>Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products.</u>
<u>Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements</u>

The notified Regulation establishes the provisions and procedures governing the production, registration, certification, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of organic agricultural products. It applies to the following products that carry or should carry a descriptive label relating to organic production methods.

A product is considered to carry information concerning organic production methods when the label or property claims, including advertising material and commercial documents, describe the product or its ingredients using the terms "organic", "biological" or "ecological" or other similar internationally recognised vocabulary, including abbreviated forms, which suggest to the buyer that the product or its ingredients have been obtained via organic production methods in the country in which they have been put on the market.

The Regulation must be applied by all natural or legal persons engaged in the production, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of certified organic agricultural products. It is also binding upon public and private bodies engaged in the registration, control and/or certification of such production.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CRI/16 4420 00 s.pdf

## This addendum concerns a:

[ <b>X</b> ]	Modification of final date for comments
[]	Notification of adoption, publication, or entry into force of regulation
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