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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service)
<b>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):</b> HS code 0804: Avocados
<b>4. 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: Dominican Republic
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución N° 086-2016-ARP-SFE bis.</i> (Resolution No. 086-2016-ARP-SFE bis.) <b>Language(s):</b> Spanish <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CRI/16_4087_00_s.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CRI/16_4087_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> 1. The notified Resolution establishes the mandatory phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Costa Rica of fresh avocados from the Dominican Republic: a. Shipments require an official phytosanitary certificate issued by the country of origin, which indicates, in the section for additional declarations, that they are free from <i>Ceroplastes rusci</i> , <i>Aonidiella orientalis</i> , <i>Aulacaspis tubercularis</i> and <i>Maconelicoccus hirsutus</i> . b. General requirements for products to be consumed fresh: Products must be properly packaged and labelled, and be free from plant residues, soil, snails and slugs. They will be subject to phytosanitary control at the point of entry. 2. Shipments will be inspected upon arrival in the country by officials from the State Phytosanitary Service at the point of entry. Compliance with the phytosanitary requirements will be verified. 3. Failure to comply with the phytosanitary requirements established in this Resolution will be punishable in accordance with Law No. 7664, the Plant Protection Law and its implementing Regulations.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.)</b> Article VI of the International Plant Protection Convention. ISPM No. 20: Guidelines for a Phytosanitary Import Regulatory System; ISPM No. 2: Guidelines for Pest Risk Analysis (1995); and ISPM No. 11: Pest Risk Analysis for Quarantine Pests Including Analysis of Environmental Risks and Living Modified Organisms (2004).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 29 November 2016</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority,</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</b></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>