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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>ECUADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Agencia Ecuatoriana de Aseguramiento de la Calidad del Agro, AGROCALIDAD</i> (Ecuadorian Agency for Agricultural Product Quality Assurance)
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): Castor oil (<i>Ricinus communis</i>) seeds
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: Israel
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Propuesta de requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de semillas de higuera (Ricinus communis) para la siembra originarias de Israel</i> (Draft phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Ecuador of castor oil (<i>Ricinus communis</i>) seeds for sowing from Israel) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 1 Text available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/ECU/15_3241_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified draft text establishes mandatory phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Ecuador of castor oil (<i>Ricinus communis</i>) seeds for sowing from Israel.
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.	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.) International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Nos. 2, 11 and 21. <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 19 October 2015 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 20 October 2015
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 October 2015 [X] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 October 2015 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body: Av. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas, Edificio MAGAP, Piso 9 Quito, Ecuador Tel.: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/254 8751, Ext. 118 Fax: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/254 8751 Email: dirección@agrocalidad.gob.ec relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec
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