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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>ECUADOR</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Instituto Ecuatoriano de Normalización, INEN</i> (Ecuadorian Standardization Institute) Baquerizo E8-29 y Almagro Quito, Ecuador Tel.: +593 2 250-1885 Fax: +593 2 256-7815 Email: <a href="mailto:PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec">PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec</a> Website: <a href="http://www.inen.gob.ec">http://www.inen.gob.ec</a>  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  <i>Subsecretaría de la Calidad</i> (Under-Secretariat for Quality) <i>Ministerio de Industrias y Productividad, MIPRO</i> (Ministry of Industry and Productivity) Yánez Pinzón N26-12, entre Av. Colón y La Niña Quito, Ecuador Tel.: +593 2 394-8760, Ext. 2358 Email: <a href="mailto:mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec">mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec</a> ; <a href="mailto:PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec">PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec</a> Website: <a href="http://www.industrias.gob.ec">http://www.industrias.gob.ec</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> 1806, 1806.10.00, 1806.20, 1806.20.10, 1806.20.90, 1806.31.00, 1806.32.00 and 1806.90.00.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Proyecto de Reglamento Ecuatoriano PRTE INEN 106, "Productos de Cacao. Chocolates"</i> (Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 106: "Cocoa products: Chocolate") (6 pages, in Spanish)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified draft Technical Regulation covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; Product requirements; Labelling requirements; Sampling; Conformity assessment tests; Reference documents; Conformity assessment procedure; Monitoring and inspection authority; Penalty regime; Liability of conformity assessment bodies; and Review and updating.

7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The notified Technical Regulation lays down the requirements to be met by chocolate, with a view to preventing risks to human life and health and practices likely to mislead or deceive consumers.</p> <p>It applies to chocolate manufactured in, imported into or marketed in Ecuador, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sweet (plain) chocolate;</li> <li>- unsweetened chocolate;</li> <li>- couverture chocolate;</li> <li>- milk chocolate;</li> <li>- white chocolate;</li> <li>- diet chocolate;</li> <li>- flavoured chocolate;</li> <li>- composite chocolate;</li> <li>- filled chocolate;</li> <li>- other chocolate products;</li> <li>- chocolates or pralines;</li> <li>- gianduja chocolate;</li> <li>- gianduja milk chocolate;</li> <li>- drinking chocolate ("<i>chocolate a la taza</i>");</li> <li>- drinking chocolate ("<i>chocolate familiar a la taza</i>").</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Publication where notice appears: <a href="http://www.industrias.gob.ec">http://www.industrias.gob.ec</a> and <a href="http://www.inen.gob.ec">http://www.inen.gob.ec</a>;</li> <li>2. Proposal and basic document: <i>PRTE INEN 106 "Productos de Cacao. Chocolates"</i> (Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 106: "Cocoa products: Chocolate");</li> <li>3. Publication in which Technical Regulation will be published when adopted: <i>Registro Oficial</i> (Official Journal).</li> </ol>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 90 days as from 11 December 2013.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Six months after adoption.</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 11 March 2014</p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Contact and/or National enquiry point:  Subsecretaría de la Calidad  Ministerio de Industrias y Productividad, MIPRO  Yáñez Pinzón N26-12, entre Av. Colón y La Niña  Quito, Ecuador  Tel.: +593 2 394-8760, Ext. 2358  Email: <a href="mailto:mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec">mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec</a>; <a href="mailto:PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec">PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.industrias.gob.ec">http://www.industrias.gob.ec</a></p>