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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>COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade), <i>Departamento de Reglamentación Técnica</i> (Technical Regulation Department). Tel.: (+506) 2549-21479; Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 <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>Centro de Información de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio</i> (TBT Enquiry Point) <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade) Apartado Postal 10216-1000 Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Email: <a href="mailto:crotc@meic.go.cr">crotc@meic.go.cr</a> Website: <a href="http://www.reglatec.go.cr/">http://www.reglatec.go.cr/</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> International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 67.100.01
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>RTCA 67.04.70:14 Productos Lácteos. Quesos. Especificaciones</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.70:14: Milk products. Cheese. Specifications) (8 pages, in Spanish)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified Technical Regulation lays down the general requirements to be met by cheese, as defined in Section 4 thereof. It applies to cheese for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To protect human health and the food safety of the population and prevent consumer deception.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> This Technical Regulation is a partial adoption of CODEX STAN 283-1978: "Codex General Standard for Cheese".
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> .  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> .

<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of notification.
<b>11.</b>	<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>  <i>Centro de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio</i> (TBT Enquiry Point) Apartado Postal 10216-1000 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Email: <a href="mailto:crotc@meic.go.cr">crotc@meic.go.cr</a> Website: <a href="http://www.reglatec.go.cr/">http://www.reglatec.go.cr/</a>  Full text available online at:  <a href="http://meic.go.cr/reglatec/consulta/67047014.pdf">http://meic.go.cr/reglatec/consulta/67047014.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CRI/14_1139_00_s.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CRI/14_1139_00_s.pdf</a>