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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.	Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade)</i> <i>Departamento de Reglamentación Técnica (Technical Regulation Department)</i> Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>Información de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio (TBT enquiry point)</i> <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade)</i> Apartado Postal 10216-1000 Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Email: crotc@meic.go.cr Website: http://www.reglatec.go.cr/
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): 65.080
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>RTCR 485:2016. Sustancias químicas. Fertilizantes y enmiendas para uso agrícola. Tolerancias y límites permitidos para la concentración de los elementos y contaminantes</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) 485:2016: Chemical substances. Fertilizers and soil conditioners for agricultural use. Permitted tolerances and limits for concentrations of elements and contaminants) (29 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: This technical regulation establishes the permitted tolerances and limits for concentrations of elements, heavy metals and impurities in fertilizers and soil conditioners, including raw materials registered for marketing in Costa Rica. The text also applies to fertilizers, soil conditioners and raw materials registered for agricultural use in Costa Rica.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human and plant health.

8.	Relevant documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 37982-COMEX-MEIC-MAG, RTCA 65.05.54:09. Fertilizantes y enmiendas de uso agrícola. Requisitos para el registro</i> (Executive Decree No. 37982-COMEX-MEIC-MAG, Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 65.05.54:09: Fertilizers and soil conditioners for agricultural use. Registration requirements), published in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> of 12 November 2013. 2. <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27973-MAG-MEIC-S, RTCR 318:1998. Laboratorio de análisis de sustancias químicas y biológicas de uso en la agricultura</i> (Executive Decree No. 27973-MAG-MEIC-S, RTCR 318:1998: Regulations on laboratory analysis of chemical and biological substances for agricultural use), published in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> of 19 July 1999. 3. <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27041-MAG-MEIC, RTCR 176: 1991. Agroquímicos. Toma de muestra</i> (Executive Decree No. 27041-MAG-MEIC, RTCR 176:1991: Agrochemicals. Sample-taking), published in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> of 9 September 1998.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> . Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> .
10.	Final date for comments: 10 August 2016
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: TBT Enquiry Point: San José, Costa Rica Apartado Postal 10216-1000 Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Email: crotc@meic.go.cr Website: http://www.reglatec.go.cr/ Full text available online at: http://reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/CRI/16_2346_00_s.PDF