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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 (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade)</i> 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>  <b>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:</b> <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: <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> 65.100
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>RTCR 484: 2016. Reglamento sobre el Registro, Uso y Control de Plaguicidas Sintéticos Formulados, Ingrediente Activo Grado Técnico, Coadyuvantes y Sustancias Afines de Uso Agrícola</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 484:2016, Regulations governing the registration, use and control of formulated synthetic pesticides, technical grade active ingredients, processing aids and related substances for agricultural use) (176 pages, in Spanish)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified text establishes the regulations, general principles and procedures governing the registration process, use and control of synthetic formulated pesticides, technical grade active ingredients, processing aids and related substances for agricultural use. It seeks to ensure that these products, as well as products of mineral origin, inorganic salts and the primary packaging thereof, are registered prior to importation, manufacturing, formulation, storage, distribution, transportation, repacking, repackaging, handling, blending, sale and use.  It applies to natural or legal persons registering, marketing, importing, formulating, manufacturing, repackaging, repacking, storing, distributing and handling formulated synthetic pesticides, technical grade active ingredients, processing aids and related substances, as well as products of mineral origin and inorganic salts.

**7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health and safety, and protection of the environment

**8. Relevant documents:**

- *Guidelines on efficacy data for the registration of pesticides for plant protection.* Rome, March 1985;
- *Guidelines for the registration and control of pesticides (including a model scheme for the establishment of national organizations).* Rome, March 1985;
- *Guidelines for legislation on the control of pesticides.* Rome, October 1989;
- *Guidelines on the initial introduction and subsequent development of a simple national pesticide registration and control scheme.* Rome, August 1991;
- *Manual on the Development and Use of FAO and WHO Specifications for Pesticides.* Rome, 2004;
- *International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, Revised Version.* Rome, 2003;
- *Guidelines on pesticide residue trials to provide data for the registration of pesticides and the establishment of maximum residue limits.* FAO, Rome, 1986;
- *Annex I. OECD Test Guidelines for Studies Included in the SIDS. Manual for Investigation of HPV chemicals:* <http://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/36045066.pdf>;
- *Decreto Ejecutivo 31961, Resolución 118-2004 (COMIECO), Protocolo Patrón para - Ensayos en la Eficacia Biológica de Plaguicidas de Uso Agrícola, de 26 junio de 2004* (Executive Decree No. 31961, Central American Council of Ministers for Economic Integration (COMIECO) Resolution No. 118-2004: Standard Protocol for testing the biological efficacy of agricultural pesticides, June 2004) published in *La Gaceta* No. 179 of 13 September 2004;
- *Guidance document on the assessment of the equivalence of technical materials of substances regulated under Council Directive 91/414/EEC, European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General, Directorate D - Food Safety: Production and distribution chain, Unit D.3 - Chemicals, contaminants and pesticides,* April 2005;
- *ECETOC (2003): (Q)SARs: Evaluation of the commercially available software for human health and environmental endpoints with respect to chemical management applications. ECETOC Technical Report No. 89.* European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals, Brussels;
- *European Chemicals Bureau (ECB) (2003): "Use of (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationships ((Q)SARs)" in: Technical Guidance Document on Risk Assessment in support of Commission Directive 93/67/EEC on Risk Assessment for new notified substances, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 on Risk Assessment for existing substances and Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market, Part III, Chapter 4,* European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Institute for Health and Consumer Protection, European Chemicals Bureau;
- *Tennant RW and Ashby J (1991): Classification according to chemical structure, mutagenicity to Salmonella and level of carcinogenicity of a further 39 chemicals tested for carcinogenicity by the US National Toxicology Program.* *Mutation Research* 257, 209-227;
- *Ashby J and Tennant RW (1991): Definitive relationships among chemical structure, carcinogenicity and mutagenicity for 301 chemicals tested by the US NTP.* *Mutation Research* 257, 229-306;
- *Van der Berg, M. et al (1998): Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for PCBs, PCDDs, PCDFs for Humans and Wildlife.* *Environmental Health Perspective*, 106 (12), 775-792;
- *WHO/FAO (2005) Manual on development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides.* First edition, FAO Plant Production and Protection Paper 173. WHO and FAO, Rome;
- *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 15563-MAG-S, Reglamento Protección Industria Apícola Nacional, de 5 de julio de 1984* (Executive Decree No. 15563-MAG-S: Regulations for the Protection of the National Apiculture Industry, 5 July 1984), published in *La Gaceta* No. 156 of 20 August of 1984;
- *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 24715-MOPT-MEIC-S, Reglamento para el Transporte Terrestre*

	<p><i>de Productos Peligrosos, de 6 de octubre de 1995</i> (Executive Decree No. 24715-MOPT-MEIC-S: Regulations on the transportation by land of hazardous products, 6 October 1995), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 207 of 1 November 1995;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 26285-H-COMEX, Reglamenta Regímenes de Perfeccionamiento Activo y Devolutivo Derechos de 19 de agosto de 1997</i> (Executive Decree No. 26285-H-COMEX: Regulations on the inward processing and drawback regimes, 19 August 1997), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 170 of 4 September 1997;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 26503-MAG, Reglamento de Regencias Agropecuarias del Colegio de Ingenieros Agrónomos de Costa Rica, de 24 de octubre de 1997</i> (Executive Decree No. 26503-MAG, Regulations on the agricultural courses of the Costa Rican College of Agricultural Engineers, 24 October 1997), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 242 of 16 December 1997;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27037-MAG-MEIC, Norma RTCR 321:1998 Registro y Examinación de Equipos de Aplicación de Sustancias Químicas, Biológicas, Bioquímicas o Afines, de 5 de enero de 1998</i> (Executive Decree No. 27037-MAG-MEIC, Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 321:1998: Registration and examination of equipment for applying chemical, biological, biochemical or related substances, 5 January 1998), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 174 of 7 September 1998, Supplement No. 59;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27041-MAG-MEIC, Norma RTCR176: 1991 Agroquímicos. Toma de Muestra, de 5 de enero de 1998</i> (Executive Decree No. 27041-MAG-MEIC, Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 176: 1991: Agrochemicals. Sample-taking, 5 January 1998), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 176 of 9 September 1998;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27056-MAG-MEIC, Norma RTCR 213:1997. Toma de muestras para análisis de residuos de plaguicidas en los cultivos de vegetales, de 5 de enero de 1998</i> (Executive Decree No. 27056-MAG-MEIC, Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 213:1997: Sampling for Analysis of Pesticide Residues in Vegetable Crops, 5 January 1998), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 178 of 11 September 1998;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27763-MAG, Fijación de Tarifas de Servicios del Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, de 10 de marzo de 1999</i> (Executive Decree No. 27763-MAG, Setting of tariffs for services provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 68 of 9 April 1999, Supplement No. 26;</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 27973-MAG-MEIC-S, RTCR 318:1998 Laboratorio Análisis de Sustancias Químicas y Biológicas de Uso en la Agricultura, 19 de mayo de 1998</i> (Executive Decree No. 27973-MAG-MEIC-S, Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 318:1998: Regulations on laboratory analysis of chemical and biological substances for agricultural use, 19 May 1998), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 139 of 19 July 1999; and</li> <li>• <i>Decreto Ejecutivo N° 31520-MS-MAG-MINAE-MOPT-MGPSP, Reglamento para las actividades de la Aviación Agrícola, de 16 de octubre de 2003</i> (Executive Decree No. 31520-MS-MAG-MINAE-MOPT-MGPSP, Regulations on agricultural aviation activities, 16 October 2003), published in <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 241 of 15 December 2003.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i>.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i>.</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 26 July 2016</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>TBT Enquiry Point:  San José, Costa Rica  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></p> <p>Full text available online at: <a href="http://reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp">http://reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/CRI/16_2787_00_s.PDF">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/CRI/16_2787_00_s.PDF</a></p>