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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

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

Notifying Member: <u>NICARAGUA</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):

## 2. Agency responsible:

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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:

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Website: <a href="http://www.mific.gob.ni/en-us/snc/snn/ntcpub/ntoncpub.aspx">http://www.mific.gob.ni/en-us/snc/snn/ntcpub/ntoncpub.aspx</a>

- 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): International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 67.040
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Reglamento Técnico Centroamericano NTON 11 049 16/RTCA 67.06.74:16, Productos Agropecuarios Orgánicos. Requisitos para la Producción, el Procesamiento, la Comercialización, la Certificación y el Etiquetado (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 11 049 16/Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements) (66 pages, in Spanish)
- **Description of content:** The notified Technical Regulation establishes the provisions and procedures governing the production, registration, certification, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of organic agricultural products. It applies to the following products that carry or should carry a descriptive label relating to organic production methods.

A product is considered to carry information concerning organic production methods when the label or property claims, including advertising material and commercial documents, describe the product or its ingredients using the terms "organic", "biological" or "ecological" or other similar internationally recognized vocabulary, including abbreviated forms, which suggest to the buyer that the product or its ingredients have been obtained using organic production methods in the country in which they have been put on the market.

This Technical Regulation is binding upon all natural and legal persons engaged in the production, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of certified organic agricultural products as well as upon the public and private bodies engaged in the registration, control and/or certification of such products.

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Plant health, animal health and consumer information
- 8. Relevant documents: -
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

- **10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from the date of notification
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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