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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>PARAGUAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Salud Pública y Bienestar Social, MSPyBS (Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare)</i> <i>Instituto Nacional de Alimentación y Nutrición, INAN (National Food and Nutrition Institute)</i> 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>Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>Centro de Referencia de la OMC (WTO Reference Centre)</i> <i>Dirección de Organismos Económicos Multilaterales (Directorate of Multilateral Economic Organizations)</i> <i>Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</i> Palma casi 15 de Agosto N° 594 Asunción, Paraguay Tel.: (+595) 21-493 657 Email: snin@mre.gov.py
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): Table-top sweeteners or sweetening agents containing stevia (<i>Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni</i>)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Proyecto de Reglamento Técnico por el cual se establecen los Requisitos de Calidad e Inocuidad para los Edulcorantes o Endulzantes de mesa que contengan en su composición Glicosidos de Esteviol y/o Extracto de Stevia derivados de la planta de Ka'a He'e-Stevia</i> (Draft Technical Regulation establishing the quality and safety requirements for table-top sweeteners or sweetening agents containing steviol glycosides and/or stevia extracts from the sweetleaf plant) (13 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The notified draft Technical Regulation applies to table-top sweeteners or sweetening agents marketed in national territory which contain steviol glycosides and/or stevia extracts from the sweetleaf plant (<i>Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni</i>). The main sweeteners used as raw materials in the production of table-top sweeteners are excluded from this regulation.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Ley 836/1980 "Código Sanitario"</i> (Law 836/1980: Health Code)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 2016 Proposed date of entry into force: 180 days from the date of adoption.
10.	Final date for comments: The Paraguayan authorities will respond to requests for documents and receive any relevant comments in the 60 days following 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: Unidad de Coordinación del SNIN del Ministerio de Industria y Comercio (MIC) Avda. Mariscal F. López 3333 Asunción, Paraguay Tel.: (+595) 21-616 3284 Fax: (+595) 21-616 3084 Email: snin@mic.gov.py https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/PRY/16_0267_00_s.pdf