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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>EL SALVADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: <i>Organismo Salvadoreño de Reglamentación Técnica, OSARTEC</i> (Salvadorian Technical Regulation Agency) 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 Economía</i> (Ministry of the Economy) <i>Dirección de Administración de Tratados Comerciales</i> (Directorate of Trade Treaty Administration) Alameda Juan Pablo II y Calle Guadalupe, Plan Maestro, San Salvador, El Salvador Tel.: (+503) 2590 5788 Fax: (+503) 2590 5789 Email: datco@minec.gob.sv Website: http://www.minec.gob.sv/
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): 67.040
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Reglamento Técnico Centroamericano RTCA 67.06.74:16 Productos Agropecuarios Orgánicos. Requisitos para la Producción, el Procesamiento, la Comercialización, la Certificación y el Etiquetado</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Requirements governing production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling) (66 pages, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: The notified 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 recognised vocabulary, including abbreviated forms, which suggest to the buyer that the product or its ingredients have been obtained via organic production methods in the country in which they have been put on the market. The Regulation must be applied by all natural or legal persons engaged in the production, processing, labelling, storage, transport and marketing of certified organic agricultural products. It is also binding upon public and private bodies engaged in the registration, control and/or certification of such production.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Plant health, animal health and consumer information.
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CAC/GL 32-1999: Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods. b. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 889/2008 of 5 September 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control. c. Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91. d. USDA-AMS National Organic Program, USDA Organic Standards 7 CFR Part 205, USDA Organic Regulations (Spanish version, updated 3 December 2013, reviewed July 2014). e. International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, ISPM No. 5, Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms, Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 2015. f. <i>Reglamento para la Agricultura Orgánica, Acuerdo No. 146-2003</i> (Regulation on Organic Farming, Decision No. 146-2003), of 7 March 2003 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of the Government of the Republic of Honduras, published in Honduran Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> No. 30,351 of Friday 26 March 2004. g. <i>Reglamento de Agricultura Orgánica</i> (Regulation on Organic Farming), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Executive Decree No. 29782 of 21 August 2001, Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i>, San José, Costa Rica. h. <i>Manual Técnico de Agricultura Orgánica</i>, MTAO (Technical manual on organic farming), 2004 version, Eddy Manolo De la Cruz Berganza. i. <i>Reglamento Técnico Salvadoreño RTS 65.01.01:13 Para la Producción, Procesamiento, Comercialización y Certificación de Productos Orgánicos</i> (Salvadorian Technical Regulation 65.01.01:13 on the production, processing, marketing and certification of organic products), published in the Official Journal, Volume No. 401, San Salvador, 6 December 2013, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Decision No. 485, Santa Tecla, 13 November 2013. j. <i>NTON 11 041 - 13 Norma Técnica Obligatoria Nicaragüense. Producción, Procesamiento y Etiquetado de Productos Agropecuarios Orgánicos</i> (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) 11 041 - 13: Production, processing and labelling of organic agricultural products). k. <i>Ley 8 de 24 de enero de 2002, "Que establece la Regulaciones Nacionales para el Desarrollo de Actividades Agropecuarias Orgánicas"</i> (Law No. 8 of 24 January 2002 establishing domestic regulations for the development of organic farming activities). l. Executive Decree No. 121 of Tuesday, 8 September 2015. m. Ministerial Resolution No. DAL-067-ADM-05 of 9 December 2005.
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.</p>
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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