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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: Please be advised that these regulations were not notified when developed in 2003. However, in accordance with the principle of transparency, this notification is now being issued. The notified regulations now include Article 2, which has been submitted for the consultation at international level by the Member States of the WTO.
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>Se prohíbe la importación, distribución y comercialización de minigelatinas que contengan el aditivo alimentario conocido como konjac flour INS 425 (Konjac mannan, konjac, konnyaku)</i> (Prohibition of the importation, distribution and marketing of mini jellies containing the food additive known as konjac flour INS No. 425 (Konjac mannan, konjac, konnyaku)) (1 page, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: The notified text prohibits the importation, distribution and marketing of mini jellies which contain the food additive known as konjac flour INS No. 425 (Konjac mannan, konjac, konnyaku), and which have a diameter at the equatorial section not exceeding 4.5 cm for spherical or almost spherical products, and not exceeding 3.2 cm for non-spherical products.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human life and health.
8.	Relevant documents: n/a
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> . Proposed date of entry into force: Six months after publication in the Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i> .
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: Centro de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio Website: http://www.reglatec.go.cr/ Email: crotc@meic.go.cr San José, Costa Rica Apartado Postal 10216-1000 Tel.: +(506) 2549-1479 Fax: +(506) 2291-2015 Full text available online at: http://www.reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/CRI/17_4275_00_s.pdf