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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 Ambiente y Energía</i> (Ministry of the Environment and Energy) <i>Dirección General de Transporte y Comercialización de Combustibles</i> (Directorate-General for the Transportation and Marketing of Fuel) 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</i> (TBT Enquiry Point) <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade) 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:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): ICS number: 23.020.30
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: RTCR 490: 2017. <i>Equipos para la industria del petróleo. Cilindros portátiles, tanques estacionarios, equipos y artefactos para suministro y uso del gas licuado de petróleo (GLP).</i> (Equipment for the oil industry. Portable cylinders, stationary tanks, equipment and appliances for the supply and use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Safety Requirements). 27 pages, in Spanish.
6. Description of content: The notified document establishes specifications governing the manufacture, import, use and maintenance of portable cylinders, stationary tanks, and equipment and appliances for the supply and use of LPG in the country, to ensure that they operate in conditions that guarantee environmental protection and human safety. It applies to portable cylinders, stationary tanks, equipment and appliances that are manufactured, imported, used, installed or circulated in the country, and to their maintenance.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human life and quality

8. Relevant documents:

1. Executive Decree No. 38849-MEIC, Procedure for the demonstration of equivalence with a Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR).
2. Executive Decree 33428, Resolution 169-2006(COMIECO-XLIX) approving Central American Technical Regulations: Petroleum products. Regular petrol, pressure vessels. Portable LPG cylinders, and portable cylinders for Liquefied Petroleum Gas.
3. Executive Decree 34123, Resolution No.199-2007(COMIECO-XLIV) amending Resolution No. 169-2006 Central American Technical Regulations: Petroleum products. Regular petrol, pressure vessels. Portable LPG cylinders, and portable cylinders.
4. Executive Decree No. 37662 approving the demonstration procedure relating to the conformity assessment of technical regulations.
5. Executive Decree 32921-COMEX-MINAE-MEIC, RTCA 23.01.27:05, Pressure vessels. Portable cylinders for LPG. Threaded (POL-type) connection valves. Specifications.
6. Executive Decree 32921-COMEX-MINAE-MEIC RTCA 23.01.29:05, Pressure vessels. Portable LPG cylinders. Manufacturing specifications.
7. Executive Decree 32921-COMEX-MINAE-MEIC, RTCA 75.01.21:05, Petroleum products. Liquefied Petroleum Gases: Commercial propane, commercial butane and mixtures thereof. Specifications.
8. INTE/ISO 10286:2015 Gas cylinders. Terminology. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
9. INTE Standard 137-1 Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Part 1: Terminology and definitions for LPG. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
10. INTE Standard 137-2 Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Part 3: General requirements for LPG. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
11. INTE Standard 131 Gas cylinders. Refillable LPG cylinders - Requalification (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
12. INTE Standard 132 Refillable LPG cylinders. Low-pressure regulators for household use. Part 1 A. Threaded connection. Requirements. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
13. INTE Standard 134 Refillable LPG cylinders. Low-pressure regulators for household use. Part 2. Inspection. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
14. INTE Standard 135 Refillable LPG cylinders. Low-pressure regulators for household use. Part 3. Test methods. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).
15. INTE Standard 136-4 Refillable LPG cylinders. Low-pressure regulators for

	<p>household use. Part 4. Marking. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).</p> <p>16. INTE Standard 137-3 Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Part 4: Equipment and appliances for LPG. (Standards for which there was a change in nomenclature by the Costa Rican Technical Standards Institute (INTECO), but whose name and content remain the same. It can be clearly seen that the name of the standard remains unchanged).</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: Upon publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i>.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Six months after publication in Official Journal <i>La Gaceta</i>.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification.</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p><i>Centro de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio</i> (TBT Centre) 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/2018/TBT/CRI/18_1125_00_s.pdf</p>