NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** COSTA RICA**If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado*, *Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería* (State Phytosanitary Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** HS codes 0602, 0709.60, 1209.91 and 0702.00 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[X] All trading partners****[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Resolución 001-2020-ARP-SFE* (Resolution No. 001-2020-ARP-SFE) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 7<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CRI/20_0614_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Resolution provides for a phytosanitary measure to prevent the introduction of the Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (*Tobamovirus*, ToBRFV), which is communicable through tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and chilli pepper (*Capsicum* spp.) fruit and plants for planting (including seeds). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [   ] food safety, [   ] animal health, [ X ] plant protection, [   ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ X ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:** To date, there has been no known presence of the Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (*Tobamovirus*, ToBRFV) in Costa Rica and, based on information regarding the virus's presence in other countries, yield losses can range from 30% to 70%, exerting a significant economic impact. Costa Rica imports most of the tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and chilli pepper (*Capsicum* spp.) seed planted in the country. It also imports fresh fruit for consumption from countries in which the above-mentioned virus is reportedly present, which risks causing an epiphytotic situation leading to unacceptable economic losses for the country. Consequently, Costa Rica has decided to include the Tomato brown rugose fruit virus(ToBRFV) on the list of quarantine pests and establish phytosanitary measures (in addition to the current phytosanitary measures governing importation) for imports of *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Capsicum* spp. plants for planting (including seeds) and fresh fruit for consumption, from any country. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:****[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:****[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM No.*):****[X] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[ ] Yes [ ] No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 10 January 2020**[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [  ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:** |
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