NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** GUATEMALA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Direccion de Fitozoogenetica y Recursos Nativos del Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación* *(MAGA)* (Directorate of Plant and Animal Genetics and Indigenous Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food) |
| **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):** ICS numbers: 65.020.01 and 65.020.99 |
| **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:** *Reglamento Técnico de Bioseguridad de Organismos Vivos Modificados para Uso Agropecuario* (Technical Regulation on Biosafety for Living Modified Organisms for Agricultural Use) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 13 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The purpose of this Technical Regulation is to help regulate trade in and the safe use of living modified organisms for agricultural use between the States parties.  It applies to the transportation, cross-border movement, handling, development, production and marketing of, and research and experiments involving, living modified organisms for agricultural use. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **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:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   * Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity * Codex Alimentarius |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** These requirements will enter into force once the corresponding resolution is signed by the competent ministerial authority.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** To be determined.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 28 July 2018  **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:**  Guatemala  Vice-Ministry of Plant and Animal Health and Regulations (VISAR)  Tel.: (+502) 2413 7035  (+502) 2413 7040  Email: vicedespachovisar@gmail.com  Cobaquil.dfrn@gmail.com  Website: <http://www.maga.gob.gt/> |
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