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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service
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): Wood packaging material
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations Governing Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (15 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: These Regulations establish the measures to be applied by the government of Costa Rica to reduce the risk of pest spread, pursuant to International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade". The Regulations apply to coniferous and non-coniferous raw wood packaging material that may serve as a pathway for plant pests posing a threat mainly to living trees. The Regulations cover wood packaging material such as pallets, dunnage, crating, packing blocks, drums, cases, load boards, pallet collars and skids. Wood packaging made wholly of wood-based products is exempt.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulations Governing Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (15 pages, in Spanish).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

11.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
12.	Final date for comments: 60 days. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: National enquiry point: Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería Servicio de Protección Fitosanitaria del Estado Centro de Información y Notificación en Medidas Sanitarias y Fitosanitarias Apartado Postal 70-3006 Barreal de Heredia, Costa Rica Tel.: (506) 260-8300, Ext. 2065 Fax: (506) 260-8301 E-mail: notificaciones@protecnet.go.cr