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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF PANAMA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agricultural Development
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): Products using wood packing material in international trade
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners of Panama
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution No. DAL-006-ADM-05 Panama of 17 January 2005 (13 pages, in Spanish) Regulating the Procedures for the Registration, Inspection and Approval by the National Plant Health Directorate of the Ministry of Agricultural Development of the Facilities and/or Companies Engaged in Providing the Treatments Approved under International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15, Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packing Material in International Trade.
6. Description of content: This Resolution regulates the procedures for the registration, inspection and approval by the National Plant Health Directorate of the Ministry of Agricultural Development of the facilities and/or companies engaged in providing the treatments approved under International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15, Guidelines for regulating wood packing material in international trade.
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 Organisation 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 Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in Spanish from the Enquiry Points notified by Panama. Official Gazette No. 25,239 of Thursday 17 February 2005.
10. Proposed date of adoption: Not indicated

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 17 February 2005
12. Final date for comments: Not applicable 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: Texts available from the Enquiry Points notified by Panama. Enquiry Point / Competent authority Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Animal Río Tapia, Tocumen, Panamá Tel./Fax: (507) 220-7979 and (507) 220-0733 Apartado postal 5390, Zona 5, Panamá Authority designated to handle comments / Notification authority Dirección Nacional de Negociaciones Comerciales Internacionales Avenida Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edison Plaza, Piso N° 2 Apartado postal 378, Zona 3, Panamá Tel.: (507) 360-0690 / 0600 / 0700, Ext. 2308-2355 Fax: (507) 360-0691 E-mail: smoreno@mici.gob.pa