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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>GUATEMALA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: 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 may be provided in addition, where applicable): <i>Inter alia</i> , Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 of the Harmonized System.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners of Guatemala
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ministerial Decision No. 476-98 of 2 September 1998. Requirements for the Importation, Transport, Handling in Guatemala and Field Trials of Agricultural Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (7 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: This Decision establishes requirements for the importation, transport, handling in Guatemala and field trials of agricultural genetically modified organisms (GMOs). These requirements are mandatory throughout the Republic of Guatemala for natural and/or legal persons interested in conducting experimental trials on genetically modified organisms. The Decision covers aspects related to the approval of research tests and trials, the liability of natural and/or legal persons who conduct research trials on GMOs, the liability of business corporations which develop or supply such products, authorization for experimentation with GMOs, inspection, penalties and disputes.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministerial Decision No. 393-98 of 28 August 1998 (available in Spanish); Amendment to Ministerial Decision No. 393-38 of 28 August 1998 by means of Ministerial Decision No. 476-98 of 2 September 1998 (available in Spanish).

10. Proposed date of adoption:	Guatemala, 28 August 1998 (15 October 1998 for the amendment)
11. Proposed date of entry into force:	Guatemala, 28 August 1998 (15 October 1998 for the amendment)
12. Final date for comments:	Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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