

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NICARAGUA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry
3.	<b>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):</b> Aquatic organisms
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b>
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> NTON 11 003-01 – Sanitary Technical Standard for the Import and Movement of Aquatic Organisms within National Territory (21 pages, in Spanish)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The purpose of this standard is to prevent the introduction and spread of disease and causal agents in aquatic organisms, both farmed and from natural populations, in national territory. To this end, regulation and control mechanisms are established in the form of sanitary measures that must be applied to all aquatic organisms entering the country alive (at any stage of development) for farming or ornamental purposes, or dead, as food inputs. All this is done in accordance with the general guidelines recommended by international health agencies.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> NTON 11 003-01 – Sanitary Technical Standard for the Import and Movement of Aquatic Organisms in National Territory (available in Spanish from the national enquiry point).
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> September 2001

<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 29 May 2002
The notification procedure was delayed pending the adoption of Government decisions on the internal organizational infrastructure.
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:
<b>13. Texts available from:</b> <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:  E-mail: <a href="mailto:nsolano@mific.gob.ni">nsolano@mific.gob.ni</a> ; <a href="mailto:luisdinarte@hotmail.com">luisdinarte@hotmail.com</a>