

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Directorate-General of Agricultural Protection
3.	<b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Biological control agents or natural enemies, antagonists or competitors used for pest control
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> RTCR 309:1997. Import Requirements for Biological Control Agents
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> To prevent the introduction on Costa Rican territory of quarantine pests affecting biological control agents, by establishing phytosanitary measures for their importation.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> Phytosanitary protection
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X].</b> <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b> FAO. 1996. Code of conduct on the import and release of exotic biological control agents. Section 1 - Import regulations, publication No. 3.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> RTCR 309:1997. Import Requirements for Biological Control Agents (Spanish). To be published in the Official Journal "La Gaceta".
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Not specified
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Not specified

**11. Final date for comments: 60 days**

**Agency or authority designated to handle comments:**

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock  
Directorate of Agricultural Protection  
Pest Risk Analysis Unit

**12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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