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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b>  Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade (MEIC) Technical Regulation Body Tel.: (506) 297-1439 and 235-2700, ext. 265  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade (MEIC) P.O. Box 10216-1000 Tel.: (506) 297-1439 Fax: (506) 297-1439 E-mail: <a href="mailto:crotc@meic.go.cr">crotc@meic.go.cr</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.meic.go.cr">www.meic.go.cr</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> HS tariff item No. 2523.90.00.00
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Costa Rican Technical Regulation RTCR: 2004, Hydraulic Cements (14 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Technical Regulation defines the quality parameters and specifications for domestically produced and imported hydraulic cements and the components thereof intended for use in Costa Rica. It also establishes the classification of, and respective specifications for, hydraulic cements by type.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health and safety and prevention of consumer deception.

**8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

*Annual Book of ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) Standards 2002, Volume 4, Cement; Lime; Gypsum, 2002;*

*ASTM C-109M-01: Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars (Using 2-in. or 50-mm Cube Specimens);*

*ASTM C-114-03: Standard Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-151-00: Standard Test Method for Autoclave Expansion of Portland Cement;*

*ASTM C-183-02: Standard Practice for Sampling and the Amount of Testing of Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-185-02: Standard Test Method for Air Content of Hydraulic Cement Mortar;*

*ASTM C-191-03: Standard Test Method for Time of Setting of Hydraulic Cement by Vicat Needle;*

*ASTM C-204-00: Standard Test Method for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by Air Permeability Apparatus;*

*ASTM C-465-99: Standard Specification for Processing Additions for Use in the Manufacture of Hydraulic Cements;*

*ASTM C-150: C150-02ae1: Standard Specification for Portland Cement;*

*ASTM C-187-98: Standard Test Method for Normal Consistency of Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-188-95(2003): Standard Test Method for Density of Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-219-03: Standard Terminology Relating to Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-430-96(2003): Standard Test Method for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by the 45- $\mu$ m (No. 325) Sieve;*

*ASTM C-1157-02: Standard Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement;*

*ASTM C-595-03: Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements;*

*ASTM E-380: Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System;*

*Mexican standard NMX-C-414-ONNCCE-1999: Industria de la Construcción - Cementos Hidráulicos - Especificaciones y Métodos de Prueba (Construction Industry - Hydraulic Cements - Specifications and Test Methods);*

*Spanish standard UNE-EN 197-1-2000: Cementos comunes (Common cements), Spanish Standards Institute, Madrid, June 2002;*

*Bhatty, Javed I., Role of Minor Elements in Cement: Manufacture and Use, Portland Cement Association Research and Development Bulletin RD109T, Skokie, Illinois, USA, 1995.*

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** Upon publication in the Official Journal, *La Gaceta*.

A six-month period is provided for product labelling to be brought into compliance with the provisions of point 8 of this Regulation.

Otherwise unchanged.

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days as of the date of notification.

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of the other body:**

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