

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Directorate-General of Agricultural Protection
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Spices for consumption or processing (not applicable to botanical seed for sowing purposes): annatto, sesame, basil, anise, celery, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, cumin, coriander, turmeric (curcuma), "jamaica", ginger, laurel, nutmeg, pepper, marjoram and rosemary.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: RTCR 311:1997. Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation of Spices
5.	Description of content: To prevent the introduction on Costa Rican territory of quarantine pests affecting spices, by establishing phytosanitary measures for their importation.
6.	Objective and rationale: Phytosanitary protection
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: RTCR 311:1997. Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation of Spices (Spanish). To be published in the Official Journal "La Gaceta".
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not specified.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 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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