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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Plant Protection Service
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). Asexual propagative material, fruit and vegetables for fresh consumption and any other material capable of hosting the pink or hibiscus mealy bug.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: State of Florida, United States of America (USA).
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Guía Técnica ARF</i> (Technical Document on High Phytosanitary Risk). No. 02. Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation of Propagative Plant Material. (143 pages, in Spanish). <i>Guía Técnica ARF</i> (Technical Document on High Phytosanitary Risk). Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation of Fruit, Vegetables, Roots, Bulbs and Tubers for Fresh Consumption or Use in the Food Industry (22 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Introduces a change in the phytosanitary requirements for plants and plant products from Florida, USA. Products are now required to come from a place of production free from <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> , in the light of the recent report of the presence of this pest in some counties of the State of Florida.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Change in the phytosanitary requirements for plants and plant products from Florida, USA. Products must come from a place of production free from <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> .
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [X] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Guía Técnica ARF</i> (Technical Document on High Phytosanitary Risk) No. 02. Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation of Propagative Plant Material. <i>Guía Técnica ARF</i> (Technical Document on High Phytosanitary Risk). Phytosanitary requirements for the import of fruit, vegetables,

10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: (cont'd)
roots, bulbs and tubers for fresh consumption or use in the food industry. <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> found in Florida (USA). 2002. EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization) Reporting Service. 2002/094. Reporting Service 2002, No. 6.
11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Immediately
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