

# 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 may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>  Pesticides and toxic, hazardous and other similar substances
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b>
5.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Basic Law on the Regulation and Control of Pesticides and Toxic, Hazardous and Other Similar Substances (21 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The purpose of this Law is to establish the basic rules for the regulation and control of pesticides and toxic, hazardous and other similar substances, as well as to determine related institutional competence and to ensure the protection of sustained agriculture, human health, natural resources, health and safety at work and the environment in general in order to prevent possible damage by such products as a result of the inappropriate selection or handling or incorrect use thereof.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input 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> Law No. 274 - Basic Law on the Regulation and Control of Pesticides and Toxic, Hazardous and Other Similar Substances.
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b>

<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 13 February 1998</p> <p>Note: This document is being notified now since the notification procedure was delayed pending the adoption of Government decisions on the internal organizational structure.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b></p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</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:</p> <p>Tel.: (505) 267-0161, ext. 1138 Fax: (505) 267-2019 E-mail: noemí.solano@mific.gob.ni</p>