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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> PANAMA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias</i> (Ministry of Trade and Industry)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Non-alcoholic beverages (ICS code: 67.160.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Reglamento Técnico - Tecnología de los alimentos. Agua envasada. Requisitos generales.</i> (Technical Regulations: Food Technology. Packaged water. General requirements.) <b>Language(s):</b> Spanish <b>Number of pages:</b> 14 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PAN/26_01376_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PAN/26_01376_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified Technical Regulations establish physico-chemical, microbiological, organoleptic and radiological requirements, as well as sanitary conditions, to ensure the safety and quality of packaged water intended for human consumption in the Republic of Panama.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CXS 227-2001, General Standard for Bottled/Packaged Drinking Waters (Other than Natural Mineral Waters), current version</li><li>- CXS 108-1981, Standard for Natural Mineral Waters, current version</li><li>- Code of Hygienic Practice for Bottled/Packaged Drinking Waters (Other than Natural Mineral Waters) CAC/RCP 48-2001</li><li>- Codex Code of Practice CXC 33-1985, Code of Hygienic Practice for Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters</li></ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO, 2017. Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality. IUPAC, 2003. Regulatory Limits for Pesticide Residues in Water. Technical Report.</li> <li>• Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.50:17: <i>Criterios microbiológicos para la inocuidad de los Alimentos</i></li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 May 2026</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias</i> (Ministry of Trade and Industry)  <i>Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial</i> (Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology)  Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3er Piso  Panama City, Panama  Tel.: (+507) 560 0756, Ext. 0756  (+507) 560 0760, Ext. 0760  (+507) 560 4401, Ext. 4401  Email: <a href="mailto:dgnti@mici.gob.pa">dgnti@mici.gob.pa</a>  <a href="mailto:jgallardo@mici.gob.pa">jgallardo@mici.gob.pa</a>  <a href="mailto:hmontes@mici.gob.pa">hmontes@mici.gob.pa</a>  Website: <a href="https://mici.gob.pa/dgnti-consulta-publica/">https://mici.gob.pa/dgnti-consulta-publica/</a></p>