NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** COSTA RICA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Servicio Nacional de Salud Animal,* SENASA(National Animal Health Service), *Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería* (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) |
| **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):** Animals, products and by-products of animal origin, animal feed, genetic material and veterinary drugs, in accordance with General Law No. 8495 on the National Animal Health Service |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Proyecto de Decreto Ejecutivo "Obligatoriedad de la evaluación y aprobación previa para exportar a Costa Rica mercancías sometidas al control del SENASA conforme a la Ley N° 8495"* (Draft Executive Decree "Mandatory prior assessment and approval for the exportation to Costa Rica of goods subject to SENASA control pursuant to Law No. 8495") **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 15  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CRI/21_2921_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text provides for the mandatory prior assessment and approval of the equivalence of exporting countries' specific measures or entire systems, of specific trade sectors, of establishments or of specific or general goods, as applicable, for any establishment or natural or legal person interested in exporting to Costa Rica goods subject to SENASA control pursuant to Law No. 8495. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:**  **[X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 September 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 October 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):**  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 June 2021  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (MAG)  *Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado*, SFE (State Phytosanitary Service)  *Centro de Información y Notificación en MSF* (SPS Enquiry and Notification Point)  Apartado postal 1521 - 1200  San José, Costa Rica  Tel.: (+506) 2549 3407  Fax: (+506) 2549 3598  Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr |