NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** PANAMA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias* (Ministry of Trade and Industry) |
| **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):** Milk and processed milk products (ICS: 67.100.10) |
| **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:** *Reglamento Técnico Centroamericano RTCA 67.04.79:23 Productos Lácteos. Yoghurt (Yogurt, Yogurth, Yoghurt, Yogourt). Specifications* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.79:23: Milk products. Yoghurt. Specifications) **Language(s):** Spanish. **Number of pages:** 7  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/PAN/23_11000_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) establishes the technical specifications to be met by yoghurt, as defined in Article 4.1 thereof.  The Regulation provides elements for the classification and composition of yoghurt. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXS 243-2003 Standard for Fermented Milks  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] 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:**   * *RTCA Uso de Términos Lecheros* (current version). * *RTCA Alimentos. Criterios Microbiológicos para la inocuidad de Alimentos* (current version). * *RTCA Etiquetado General de los Alimentos Previamente Envasados (Preenvasados)* (current version). * *RTCA Alimentos y Bebidas Procesadas.* Aditivos Alimentarios (current version). * *RTCA Etiquetado Nutricional de Productos Alimenticios Preenvasados para Consumo Humano para la Población a partir de 3 Años de Edad* (current version). * *RTCA Industria de Alimentos y Bebidas Procesados. Buenas Prácticas de Manufactura. Principios Generales* (current version). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 September 2023  **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:**  *Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias* (Ministry of Trade and Industry)  *Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial* (Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology)  Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3er Piso  Panamá, Panama  Tel.: (+507) 560 0716  (+507) 560 0600, Ext. 5966  Email: [dgnti@mici.gob.pa](mailto:dgnti@mici.gob.pa)  [jgallardo@mici.gob.pa](mailto:jgallardo@mici.gob.pa)  Website: <https://mici.gob.pa/dgnti-consulta-publica/> |
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