NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ECUADOR**If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario*, AGROCALIDAD (Agency for Phytosanitary and Animal Health Regulation and Control) |
| **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):** Rice (*Oryza sativa*) seeds |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners****[X] Specific regions or countries:** United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *RESOLUCIÓN 0166 - Requisitos fitosanitarios de cumplimiento obligatorio para la importación de semillas de arroz (Oryza sativa) para la siembra originarias de Estados Unidos* (Resolution No. 0166 - Mandatory phytosanitary requirements for the importation of rice (*Oryza sativa*) seeds for sowing from the United States). **Language(s): Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Resolution establishes mandatory phytosanitary requirements governing the importation of rice (*Oryza sativa*) seeds for sowing from the United States of America. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] 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)*:****[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:** ISPM Nos. 2, 11 and 21**[ ] 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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 July 2022**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 July 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 September 2022**[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)*:** 15 May 2023**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario (AGROCALIDAD)Patricio Almeida GranjaAv. Interoceánica Km. 14 1/2, La Granja MAG, TumbacoTel.: +(593) 2237 2844Email: direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec; relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec; agrocalidad.rrii@gmail.com |
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