NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** HONDURAS  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Agencia de Regulación Sanitaria,* ARSA (Agency for Sanitary Regulation) |
| **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):** HS code 67.100.01. Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications. |
| **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:** *RTCA 67.04.75:17 Productos Lácteos*. *Quesos Madurados.* *Especificaciones* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 7  Text available at:  <https://sde.gob.hn/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/RTCA-Quesos-Madurados.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Technical Regulation establishes the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in Section 4 (Definitions) thereof. It also applies to matured cheese intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] 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:**  **[ ] 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:**   * *RTCA 67.01.33:06 Industria de Alimentos y Bebidas Procesados.* *Buenas Prácticas de Manufactura.* *Principios Generales* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.01.33:06: Processed food and beverage industry. Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs). General principles) (current version); * *RTCA 67.04.50:08 Alimentos.* *Criterios Microbiológicos para la Inocuidad de Alimentos* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.50:08: Food products. Microbiological criteria for food safety) (current version); * *RTCA 67.04.54:10 Alimentos y Bebidas Procesadas.* *Aditivos Alimentarios* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.54:10: Processed foods and beverages. Food additives) (current version); * *RTCA 67.01.07:10 Etiquetado General de los Alimentos previamente envasados (preenvasados)* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.01.07:10: General labelling of pre-packaged foods) (current version); * *RTCA 67.01.60:10 Etiquetado nutricional de productos alimenticios preenvasados para consumo humano para la población a partir de 3 años de edad* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.01.60:10: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption intended for adults and children of over three years of age) (current version); * CODEX STAN 234-1999. Recommended methods of analysis and sampling, and amendments thereto; * *RTCA 67.04.65:12 Uso de Términos Lecheros* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.65:12: Use of dairy terms) (current version); * *RTCA 67.04.70:14 Productos Lácteos*. *Quesos.* *Especificaciones* (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.70:14: Milk products. Cheese. Specifications) (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.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 20 April 2018  **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:**  *Agencia de Regulación Sanitaria,* ARSA (Agency for Sanitary Regulation)  *Dirección de Alimentos y Bebidas* (Food and Beverage Directorate)  Calle Los Alcaldes, Frente al City Mall  Email: alimentos@arsa.gob.hn  Website: <http://www.arsa.gob.hn/>  *Secretaría de Desarrollo Económico* (Secretariat for Economic Development)  *Dirección General de Integración Económica y Política Comercial* (Directorate-General of Economic Integration and Trade Policy)  Boulevard José Cecilio del Valle  Edificio San José, 3er piso  Fax: (+504) 2235 8383  (+504) 2235 5047  Email: gsalinas\_sic@yahoo.com  Website: <https://sde.gob.hn/listado-contenido-integracion-economica/?preview_nonce=8eedef3209&preview=true> |