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Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NICARAGUA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio Agropecuario y Forestal, MAG-FOR</i> (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry)
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): Pallets, crating, drums, load boards, wooden spools, dunnage, packing blocks, cases, pallet collars
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Norma Técnica Obligatoria Nicaragüense para la Reglamentación de Medidas Fitosanitarias para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard regulating phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in international trade) (5 pages, in Spanish).
6. Description of content: This Standard applies to coniferous and non-coniferous raw wood packaging material that may serve as a pathway for plant pests.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>NTON 21 001- 04 Norma Técnica Obligatoria Nicaragüense para la Reglamentación de Medidas Fitosanitarias para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 21 001-04 regulating phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in international trade) (available in Spanish).
10. Proposed date of adoption: To be established

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11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be established
12. Final date for comments: Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio (MIFIC) Km 6 carretera a Masaya Tel.: (505) 267-0161, Ext. 1048 Fax: (505) 267-2019 E-mail: dtm@mific.gob.ni
13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministerio Agropecuario y Forestal (MAG-FOR) Kilómetro 3½ carretera a Masaya Managua, Nicaragua Telefax: (505) 278-5042 and 270-9972 E-mail: dgpsa@dgpsa.gob.ni