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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade) <i>Dirección de Calidad</i> (Quality Directorate) <i>Departamento Reglamentación Técnica</i> (Technical Regulation Department) Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>Información de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio</i> (TBT Enquiry Point) Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Email: crotc@meic.go.cr ; msolera@meic.go.cr Website: http://www.reglatec.go.cr
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): ICS 91.120.40
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>RTCR 510:2023 Productos eléctricos. Series de luces, adornos navideños y figuras decorativas de uso doméstico. Especificaciones y Etiquetado</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 510:2023, Electrical products. String lights, Christmas decorations and decorative items for domestic use. Specifications and labelling) (14 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The purpose of the notified Technical Regulation is to establish the minimum technical requirements to be met by string lights, Christmas decorations and decorative items for domestic use with a rated voltage not exceeding 120 V in accordance with Executive Decree No. 36979-MEIC, Regulation to formalize the Costa Rican Electrical Code for the Safety of Life and Property (RTCR No. 458:2011), to be used or marketed in the national market, whether domestic or imported. "Seasonal use" means that the product is set up and used for no longer than 90 days.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of animal or plant life or health.

8.	Relevant documents: Relevant documents: 1. <i>Costa Rica. Instituto de Normas Técnicas de Costa Rica. INTE N5:2014 Productos decorativos de temporada - series de luces, adornos navideños y figuras decorativas de temporada de uso doméstico - requisitos de seguridad. 2014.</i> 2. Standard UL 588 "Seasonal and Holiday Decorative Products", 2003.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Upon publication in the Official Journal, <i>La Gaceta</i> Proposed date of entry into force: 18 months after publication in the Official Journal, <i>La Gaceta</i> .
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: <i>Centro de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio (TBT Centre)</i> Website: http://www.reglatec.go.cr WTO Contact Point: crotc@meic.go.cr ; msolera@meic.go.cr San José, Costa Rica Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Full text available at: http://www.reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp http://www.reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp Full text available at: http://www.meic.go.cr http://www.reglatec.go.cr/reglatec/principal.jsp https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/CRI/23_11886_00_s.pdf