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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: GUATEMALA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food
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): Fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> (01051100), turkeys (01051200), other (01051900), fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> weighing not more than 2,000g (01059200), fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> weighing more than 2,000g (01059300), other (01059900), fertile eggs for reproduction (04070010), ostrich eggs (04070020), other (04070090), dried (04081100), of turkeys (16023100), of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> (16023200).
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Countries with which Guatemala has trade relations
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Ministerial Decision No. 615-2004. Standard establishing requirements for the registration and operation of poultry production units. (8 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Decision establishes the technical and administrative requirements for the mandatory registration or renewed registration of individuals or legal persons operating poultry fattening, egg production, poultry replenishment or reproduction establishments and hatcheries. It also deals with the sanitary measures applicable to this type of establishment and to the management of animals, products and by-products; the location of such establishments, the services of veterinary and/or animal health professionals, reporting of poultry diseases, controls on the movement and location of poultry populations, production and use of installed capacity in each breeding establishment, information registers and prohibitions. Individuals or legal persons interested in operating poultry production units, poultry fattening, replenishment and reproduction establishments and egg farms, where the productive unit has sufficient installed capacity to house a poultry population of 5,000 or more for purposes of fattening, egg production or replenishment, 500 or more in the case of poultry for breeding, and 500 or more eggs in each hatching cycle in the case of hatcheries, are required to register with the Standards and Regulation unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, which manages and implements the poultry health programme.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input 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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministerial Decision No. 615-2004 of 9 January 2004 (8 pages)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Guatemala, 9 January 2004 (published in the Official Journal)
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Guatemala, 13 February 2004
12.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:
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: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Policy and Strategic Information Unit, Information Department 5 ^a avenida 8-06 zona 9 Guatemala City Tel.: (502) 361-7786, 334-1048 Fax: (502) 361-7783 E-mail: informacion.upie@maga.gob.gt Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Standards and Regulations Unit – Plant and Animal Health Department 7 ^a avenida 12-90, zona 13, anexo edificio monja blanca Guatemala City Tel./fax: (502) 475-3058, (502) 457-3068, (502) 475-3074 E-mail: correo@unr.gob.gt and onp@unr.gob.gt