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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): <i>Panela</i> cane sugar, fruit trees, coffee and others.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries that export <i>panela</i> cane sugar to Colombia.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution No. 01156 of 24 May 2002, "Adopting a Health-Related Measure" (3 pages)
6.	Description of content: This Resolution prohibits the packaging of <i>panela</i> in <i>rusque</i> (leaves from the sugar cane-producing area) for transport and marketing purposes. It requires <i>panela</i> to be transported in boxes made of cardboard, paper, plastic or treated wood. It prohibits producers and carriers from spreading and leaving plant residues and makes it compulsory for the owners and administrators of <i>panela</i> cane crops and <i>panela</i> producers and carriers to allow ICA officials to have access to their land and to inspect their transport equipment.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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: Spanish
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 24 May 2002
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Following publication in the Official Journal

- 12. Final date for comments:** 31 July 2002
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National notification authority, ☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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