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Council for Trade in Services

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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III.3 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Costa Rica.

1. **Member notifying:**

Ministry of Foreign Trade, Republic of Costa Rica

2. **Notification under:**

Article III, paragraph 3, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

3. **Date of entry into force:**

19 January 1995

4. **Agency responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the measure:**

National Commission for Consumer Protection, Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade

5. **Description of the measure:**

The Promotion of Competition and Effective Consumer Protection Act, No. 7472 of 20 December 1994, replaces Article 7 of the Travel Agency Regulation Act, No. 5339 of 23 August 1973, which established a nationality restriction on the obtention of a licence to operate as a travel agency.

The new law abolishes this restriction in accordance with Article 6, which stipulates that licences and any other authorization for the exercise of trade shall be eliminated, as well as nationality restrictions for the exercise of commercial activities, and Article 70 of the law specifically replaces the rule in question.

6. **Members specifically affected if applicable:**

None

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7. The texts are available from:

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