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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.

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>COSTA RICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio - MEIC (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade) <i>Dirección de Calidad</i> (Quality Directorate) <i>Departamento de Reglamentación Técnica</i> (Technical Regulation Department) Tel.: +(506) 25491279 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015  <b>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:</b>  <i>Información de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio</i> (TBT Enquiry Point) <i>Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Comercio, MEIC</i> (Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Trade) Apartado Postal 10216-1000 Tel.: (+506) 2549-1479 Fax: (+506) 2291-2015 Email: <a href="mailto:crotc@meic.go.cr">crotc@meic.go.cr</a> Website: <a href="http://www.reglatec.go.cr/">http://www.reglatec.go.cr/</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> ICS number: 91.100.40
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>RTCR 491: 2017 Materiales de Construcción. Láminas de Fibrocemento. Especificaciones</i> (Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No 491:2017: Building Materials. Fiber-cement sheets. Specifications) (19 pages, in Spanish)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified Technical Regulation establishes the specifications to be met by fibre-cement flat sheets and all sheets having the compositional characteristics defined in paragraph 3.10 (regardless of their trade description) intended for use in the country.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human life and health.

**8. Relevant documents:**

1. *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 36463-MEIC, RTCR 443:2010 Metrología. Unidades de Medida Sistema Internacional (SI)* (Executive Decree No. 36463-MEIC, Costa Rican Technical Regulation No.443:2010: Metrology. Measurement units. International system (SI)), published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 56 of 21 March 2011.
2. *Demostración de la Evaluación de la Conformidad de los Reglamentos Técnicos* (Demonstration of conformity assessment of technical regulations), published in Supplement No.77 of the Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 80 of 26 April 2013. *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 37070-MIVAH-MICIT-MOPT, Código Sísmico de Costa Rica 2010* (Executive Decree No. 37070-MIVAH-MICIT-MOPT, Seismic Code of Costa Rica), published in Supplement No. 94 to Official Journal (*La Gaceta*) No. 136 of 13 July 2012.
3. *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 37899-MEIC Reglamento a la Ley de Promoción de la Competencia y Defensa Efectiva del Consumidor* (Executive Decree No. 37899-MEIC, Regulations to the Law on the Promotion of Competition and Effective Protection of the Consumer), published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 182 of 23 September 2013.
4. *Decreto Ejecutivo N° 38849-MEIC, Procedimiento para Demostrar la Equivalencia con un Reglamento Técnico de Costa Rica (RTCR)* (Executive Decree No. 38849-MEIC, Procedure for the demonstration of equivalence with a Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR)), published in the Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 43 of 3 March 2015.
5. ISO/IEC 17025: General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
6. ISO/IEC 17065: Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.
7. INTE/ISO 8336:Fibre-cement flat sheets - Product specification and test methods.
8. Verification/approval of compliance statements. ECA-MC-MA-P06, published in the Official Journal *La Gaceta* No.10 of 15 January 2016.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** Upon publication in Official Journal *La Gaceta*.

**Proposed date of entry into force:** Six months after publication in Official Journal *La Gaceta*.

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from the date of notification.

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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