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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>ECUADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Ecuatoriano de Normalización, INEN</i> (Ecuadorian Standardization Institute) Calle Baquerizo Moreno E8-29 y Diego de Almagro Tel.: (+593) 2 250-1885 Fax: (+593) 2 256-7815 Email: PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec Website: http://www.normalizacion.gob.ec/ Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and 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>Subsecretaría de la Calidad</i> (Under-Secretariat for Quality) <i>Ministerio de Industrias y Productividad, MIPRO</i> (Ministry of Industry and Productivity) Address: Yáñez Pinzón N26-12, entre Av. Colón y La Niña Quito, Ecuador Tel.: (+593) 2 394-8760, Ext. 2358 or 2253 Email: aanrango@mipro.gob.ec / mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec / PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec Website: http://www.industrias.gob.ec/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): 0802.51.00. Pistachios (HS 0802.50)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Proyecto de PRTE INEN 230, "Pistachos con Cáscara"</i> (Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 230: "Unshelled pistachio nuts") (5 pages, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: The notified draft Technical Regulation covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; Product requirements; Labelling requirements; Sampling; Conformity assessment tests; Reference documents; Conformity assessment procedure; Monitoring and inspection authority; and Penalty regime.

7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The notified Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by unshelled pistachio nuts, with a view to protecting human health and preventing practices likely to mislead consumers. It applies to domestically manufactured or imported unshelled pistachio nuts, which are marketed in Ecuador.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publication where notice appears: http://www.industrias.gob.ec/ / http://www.normalizacion.gob.ec/ 2. Proposal and basic document: <i>Proyecto de PRTE INEN 230, "Pistachos con Cáscara"</i> (Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 230: "Unshelled pistachio nuts") (5 pages, in Spanish) 3. Publication in which Technical Regulation will be published when adopted: <i>Registro Oficial</i> (Official Journal).
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 90 days from 19 June 2014</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Three months as from the date of adoption</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 17 September 2014</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>Contact and/or National Enquiry Point: Subsecretaría de la Calidad Ministerio de Industrias y Productividad, MIPRO Address: Yáñez Pinzón N26-12, entre Av. Colón y La Niña Quito, Ecuador Tel.: (+593) 2 394-8760, Ext. 2358 or 2253 Email: aanrango@mipro.gob.ec / mmartinez@mipro.gob.ec / PuntocontactoOTCECU@mipro.gob.ec Website: http://www.industrias.gob.ec/</p>