

General Notes*
Schedule of the Republic of Costa Rica

1. Costa Rica gives a duty-free tariff-rate quota for imports of frozen pork meat originating in China, under the following conditions:

- (a) the aggregate quantity of goods entered under the provisions listed in subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) shall be free of duty and shall not exceed the quantity of 250 metric tons per calendar year;
- (b) duties on goods entered in aggregate quantities in excess of that established in subparagraph (a), shall continue to receive most-favoured-nation treatment;
- (c) the Ministry of Foreign Trade (*Ministerio de Comercio Exterior*) of Costa Rica shall allocate the in-quota quantities in conformity with its Regulation on Distribution and Allocation of Import Quotas (*Reglamento sobre Distribución y Asignación de Contingentes Arancelarios de Importación*); and
- (d) subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) apply to the following tariff lines: 02032100, 02032200 and 02032900.

2. Costa Rica gives a duty-free tariff-rate quota for imports of bulk kidney beans (black) [*phaseolus vulgaris*] originating in China, under the following conditions:

- (a) the quantity of the good entered under the provisions listed in subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i), shall be free of duty and shall not exceed the quantity of 10.000 metric tons per calendar year;
- (b) duties on such good entered in aggregate quantities in excess of that established in subparagraph (a), shall continue to receive most-favoured-nation treatment;
- (c) the in-quota imports shall get customs clearance in Costa Rica between 1st May and 31st July or between 1st October and 31st December, of every calendar year;
- (d) the Ministry of Foreign Trade (*Ministerio de Comercio Exterior*) of Costa Rica shall allocate the in-quota quantities such that the share allocated to each person shall be identical to the share of such person's purchases of domestic bean production in total aggregate purchases of such production, during the previous calendar year;

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- (e) if in any calendar year, domestic bean production was entirely allocated to the producers' self-consumption and no purchases of domestic bean production took place, Costa Rica shall maintain available the 10.000 metric tons tariff-rate quota referred to in this paragraph;
- (f) the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (*Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería*) of Costa Rica shall provide the Ministry of Foreign Trade (*Ministerio de Comercio Exterior*) of Costa Rica with the statistics on the shares in purchases of domestic bean production referred to in subparagraph (d);
- (g) no later than 90 days from the entry into force of this Agreement, the Ministry of Foreign Trade (*Ministerio de Comercio Exterior*) of Costa Rica shall establish the procedures governing the allocation of the tariff-rate quota referred to in this paragraph, as well as the mechanism for reallocating unused in-quota quantities to interested persons;
- (h) the information related to the quota allocation in subparagraph (d) shall be notified to China before 28th February of every calendar year, and in case of reallocation, 15 days after the resolution to reallocate the quota as established in subparagraph (g); and
- (i) subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), apply to tariff line 07133310.