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Dominican Republic – Regulation on cosmetic and hygiene products

Mexico and the US expressed concern with requirements imposed by the Dominican Republic on cosmetic and hygiene products which they believe are more trade restrictive than necessary. Mexico encouraged the Dominican Republic to notify this technical draft regulation to the committee and allow for comments, and to provide the scientific basis for the measure.

The Dominican Republic said that the draft regulation covers a number of aspects such as production, quality control, marketing, storage and sale of these products to ensure that they comply with health requirements and laws in the country. This proposal was subject to national consultation and was published on the web portal of the Ministry of Health, where a number of comments were received from national and international stakeholders. The draft regulation will be revised based on those comments and will be notified to the WTO afterwards, the Dominican Republic said.