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Colombia – Maximum sodium (salt) levels in agricultural products

A concern was expressed about proposed maximum sodium (salt) levels for agricultural products in Colombia. While supporting Colombia's efforts to promote public health, the United States and Guatemala expressed concern that the measure did not consider the functional role of sodium; they also questioned the scientific basis for the regulation. They said the mandatory nature of the requirements could, potentially, lead to unnecessary restrictions on trade.

In response, Colombia emphasized that the measure aims to promote public health through consumer education. The objective is to reduce excessive intake of salt. Nevertheless, the proposal would not prohibit the sale of products that exceeded the limits but would instead put in place penalties. Scientific evidence had suggested that a voluntary approach (self-regulation) would not achieve a sufficient impact. In addition, Colombia noted that industry had been consulted on the matter.