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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF  
THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

COSTA RICA: LAW NO. 8631 - LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF  
NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

<b>Notifying Member</b>	COSTA RICA
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Law No. 8631 - Law on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
<b>Subject matter</b>	Patents (including plant variety protection)
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/CRI/23_0749_00_s.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/CRI/23_0749_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	Not applicable
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>First notification of Law No. 8631 establishing the legal regime for the protection of plant breeders' rights, safeguarding the right of use by small and medium-sized farmers.</p> <p>Law No. 8686, of 21 November 2008, amended Article 2(1), Article 3 and Article 8(b) of Law No. 8631.</p> <p>This is therefore a consolidated and amended version of Law No. 8631.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	Spanish
<b>Entry into force</b>	19 March 2008
<b>Other date</b>	Publication: 19 March 2008

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	26 January 2023
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Agency or authority responsible</b>	<i>Oficina Nacional de Semillas</i> (National Seed Office) Telephone: +506 2223-5922 Email: <a href="mailto:info@ofinase.go.cr">info@ofinase.go.cr</a>

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