NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United Arab Emirates, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, YEMEN**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Saudi Food and Drug Authority |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Milk and milk products (ICS Code: 67.100) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X] All trading partners** **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf draft Technical Regulation for "Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 10<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/SAU/18_3567_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to the following products:- Laban and laban treated with heat after fermentation (pasteurized);- Flavoured fermented laban, flavoured fermented laban after pasteurized;- Laban drink.It does not include fermented laban products treated by Ultra High-Temperature (UHT). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:****[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****X] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** - GSO 1338: Laban;- GSO 1375: Flavoured Laban;- GSO 2033: Laban Drink;- GSO 2519:2016, Fermented milk products heat-treated after fermentation (long life);- TS-6800 Turkish standards of milk syrup.  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 September 2018**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Saudi Food and Drug AuthoritySFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unt (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 3358Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.saWebsite: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
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