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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):** Sugar and sugar products (ICS Code: 67.180.10) |
| **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 countries updating the GSO 995 draft Technical Regulation for "Sweeteners Permitted in Food - General Requirements".**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 17<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_0150_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to Requirements of sugar substitutes (sweeteners) permitted for use in energy-reduced Food as sweeteners, or food without added sugar or diabetics and foods for special nutrition uses. |
| **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:** * The sweeteners in food (UK) Regulation 2003 (labelling).
* Code federal Regulation part 1 (170.3) (Sucralose).
* European Regulation Directive sweeteners 115/EC.
* European Union Legislation L 259/122.
* European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) EFSA Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources (ANS) Statement in relation to the safety of Erythritol.
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| **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)*:** 9 March 2020**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 - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, Ext. 3158Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.saWebsite: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
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