NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  **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):** ICS Code(s): 67.040 |
| **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 "Requirements for handling of ready-to-eat-foods"**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 18  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_6786_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to the handling, preparation and shelf life requirements for Ready - to - eat foods. |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * Codex Alimentarius commission CAC / RCP 43-1995 - Rev1:2001, Code of hygienic practice for the preparation and sale of street foods) Regional code- Latin America and Caribbean). * Codex Alimentarius commission-CAC / GL 22/1997- Rev -1 :1999, Regional guidelines for the design of control measures for street - vended foods in Africa   **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **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:**   * Food marketing institute Washington D. C 20006, a consumer guide to food quality and safe handing Dec. 1996. * GSO CAC/GL 61 "Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of listeria monocytogenes in foods. |
| **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 January 2021  **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 Authority  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 3158  Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825  E-mail: [SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Saudi Food and Drug Authority  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 3158  Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825  E-mail: [SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |