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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> 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: 55.220.00
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Requirements for manufacturing and handling Low and Acidified Low Acid Canned Foods, Aseptically Processed and Packaged Low-Acid Foods and Acidified Food. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 32 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_01353_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation applies to this project and aims to clarifying the regulation concerned with the requirements that must be followed in the manufacturing of low-acid canned foods, acidified foods, thermally processed low-acid foods, and acidified foods. This regulation does not apply to refrigerated and frozen food products, carbonated beverages, water, acidic beverages, acidic foods, jams, jellies, vinegar, fermented dairy products, acidic foods containing small amounts of low-acid foods, or foods for which scientific evidence demonstrates that the product does not support the growth of <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> .
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/RCP 23 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 21 "Hygienic Regulation for Food plants and their Personal"
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 April 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 road Hittin Dist (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 8806000 +(966 11) 2038222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa Website: http://www.sFDA.gov.sa
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