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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority
3.	<b>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):</b> ICS code: 67.050.00
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> General Requirements for Genetically Modified Unprocessed Food and Feed. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 13 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_04460_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_04460_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This standard is concerned with general requirements for unprocessed agricultural products obtained through certain techniques of genetic modification and unprocessed agricultural products that contain or are produced from genetically modified organism (GMO) if the GMO present is higher than 1%.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</li> <li>- Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 September 2025 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> <p>Saudi Food and Drug Authority  SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288  Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331  Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825  E-mail: <a href="mailto:SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa">SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.sfda.gov.sa">http://www.sfda.gov.sa</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> <p>Saudi Food and Drug Authority  SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288  Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331  Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825  E-mail: <a href="mailto:SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa">SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.sfda.gov.sa">http://www.sfda.gov.sa</a></p>