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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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): ICS code(s): 67.060
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ 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 Smoked Fish. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 14 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_07289_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation applies to smoked, smoke-flavoured and smoke-dried fish prepared from fresh, chilled or frozen raw material. It deals with whole fish, fillets and sliced and similar products thereof. The standard applies to fish, either for direct consumption, for further processing, or for addition into specialty or minced products where fish constitutes only part of the edible contents.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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): CXS 311 ☐ 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? ☒ 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:
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: ☒ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 December 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ 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 - Northern Ring Branch Road, Dist Unit number: 1 4904 Dist. Riyadh 6336 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa Website: http://www.sFDA.gov.sa
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