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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):** Spices and condiments (ICS code(s): 67.220.10)
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 draft Technical Regulation for Spices and Condiments - Cardamom. **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 18 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/SAU/26_05341_00_x.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** Spices and Condiments - Cardamom
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)*:** CXS 357:2024 **[ ] 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:**

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)*:** 11 December 2026 **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 - 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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