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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): Saffron (HS code(s): 091020); Spices and condiments (ICS code(s): 67.220.10)
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: Saffron. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/SAU/26_05345_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This GSO Standard applies to specifications for dried saffron obtained from the pistils of <i>Crocus sativus</i> L. flowers. It applies to saffron in both of the following forms: filaments and cut filaments; powder.
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 351 Standard for Dried Floral Parts – Saffron ☐ 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: [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 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfd.gov.sa
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