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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): Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid (HS code(s): 2001); Vegetables and derived products (ICS code(s): 67.080.20)
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: Pickled Fruit and Vegetables. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 9 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/SAU/26_05346_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This Gulf Technical Regulation applies to pickled vegetables and fruits, including, but not limited to, onions, garlic, mangoes, radishes, ginger, beets, royal plums, peppers, palm hearts, cabbage, lettuce, lemons, baby corn, and green mustard. These technical regulations do not apply to pickled cucumbers, kimchi, table olives, chutney, or fermented cabbage (sauerkraut).
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 260-2007 Amended in 2023 "Standard for Pickled Fruits and Vegetables". ☐ 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): 11 December 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ 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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