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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Commission Gulf Food Safety - General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council
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): All imported food <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Specific certificates for animals: animal products (meat and its derivatives);- Birds products and derivatives products;- Fish and fish products and their derivatives;- Phytosanitary: plant products and their derivatives and products.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: GCC Guide for Control on Imported Foods. Language(s): Arabic and English. Number of pages: 72 + 70 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/BHR/17_0268_00_x.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/BHR/17_0268_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Guide describes principles and regulatory requirements to be applied by the exporting country and the importing GCC countries in assuring the safety and suitability of shipments of imported food. Specific attestations for animal and plant health certification are also provided in the Guide. The Guide incorporates Codex, OIE ,IPPC standards as international benchmarks where appropriate. There is ongoing work in the GCC countries to harmonize all regulatory requirements for imported foods and provide a coordinated and efficient border inspection and clearance system. While regulatory requirements and procedures for imported foods are not as yet fully harmonized between the countries of the GCC, this Guide will contribute to the harmonization process. In particular, the countries of the GCC will continue to work towards a fully risk-based approach to assure the safety of imported foods.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Codex Alimentarius 1995. Codex Standard 198-1995. Volume 7 (53-60) - CALCLGL 38-2001 - CAC STAN 206-1999 <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terrestrial Animal Health code. 2012. Sections 2, 5 and 6 - Terrestrial Aquatic Animal Health code. 2012. Section 5 <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPPC. 20011. ISPM No 12 <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not stated.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not stated.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Nujood Khalifa Almuqahwi Head, Safety of Imported Food Group Public Health Directorate Ministry of Health Kingdom of Bahrain P. O. Box: 42 Tel: +(973) 1727 3683 Fax: +(973) 1727 9253 Web Page: http://www.moh.gov.bh E-mail: nmuqahwi@health.gov.bh</p>