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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): Fruits, vegetables (ICS Code: 67.080)
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: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf draft Technical Regulation for "Loose Dates". Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 21 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/SAU/18_3546_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation concerns fresh dates, washed, rehydrated, dried, covered or pasteurized dates of different types of date palm that are suitable for human consumption. It does not apply to dates for industrial processing.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX Standard for Dates, No. 143-1985 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UNECE Standard DDP-08-(Whole Dates);- Saudi standards for dates. The national centre for palms and dates – Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture;- GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), repacked whole dates, GSO 656/2014.
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 September 2018</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unt (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 3358 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unt (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 3358 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa</p>