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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **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): Pesticides and other agrochemicals (ICS Code: 65.100)
- 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 "Maximum limits of pesticide residues in agricultural and food products". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 174
  - https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/SAU/19 1735 00 x.pdf
- **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to maximum limits of pesticide residues in agricultural and food products, which covers different varieties of a maximum residue limits (MRLs) in agricultural and food products, such as fruits, vegetable, cereal, meat, date and processed cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] 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):
    - Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme Codex maximum residue levels of pesticides in food and feed
    - Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme. Guidelines on portion of commodities to which Codex maximum residue limits apply and which is analysed
    - Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme. Codex classification of foods and animal feeds
  - [ ] 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:
  - Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin
  - http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticidesdatabase/public/?event=product.resultat&language=EN&selectedID=57
  - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32006L0125
- **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): 31 May 2019

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