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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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): Fresh fruits and vegetables
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: Conditions for clearing imported fresh vegetables and fruits. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_4810_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: Clarify the regulatory requirements to clear fresh vegetables and fruits imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 12 <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"> - SFDA.FD/GSO 1814 (General standard for irradiated foods) available in Arabic - SFDA.FD/GSO 2141 (General Requirements for Genetically Modified Unprocessed Agricultural Products) available in Arabic & English. - SFDA.FD/GSO 124 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BOXES) available in Arabic & English. - SFDA.FD/GSO 323 (General requirements for transportation and storage of chilled and frozen foods). Available in Arabic & English - SFDA.FD/GSO 123 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES). Available in Arabic & English - SFDA.FD/GSO 9 (Labeling of prepackaged food stuffs). Available in Arabic & English
<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): <input type="checkbox"/> 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): 18 October 2020</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 - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, Ext. 3158 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfd.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 - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, Ext. 3158 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfd.gov.sa</p>