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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
<b>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):</b> Food products in general
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/ Expiration dates for food products - Part 1: Mandatory expiration dates. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_5677_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_5677_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft technical regulation is concerned with the maximum shelf life permitted for food products likely to perish under appropriate packaging and specific storage conditions. It also establishes the most important requirements for shelf life labelling of all food products.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods CXS 1. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Sixty days from date of publication. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 November 2020 <b>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:</b>  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: <a href="mailto:SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa">SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sfd.gov.sa">http://www.sfd.gov.sa</a>
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