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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- **1. Notifying Member:** <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</u>
 - 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): Spices and condiments. Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220)
- 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 Flavourings Permitted For Use In Foodstuffs And Instructions For Their Uses. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 178
 - https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/SAU/22 4276 00 x.pdf
- **6. Description of content:** This draft technical regulation is concerned with natural flavourings, artificial flavourings and flavour enhancers permitted for use in food products, in addition to the guidelines for their safe use and intended for human consumption.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] 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):
 - GSO 2365 / 2014 "Guidelines for the use of flavorings in foods"
 - Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 872/2012 of 1 October 2012 adopting the list of flavouring substances provided for by Regulation (EC) No 2232/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council, introducing it in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1565/2000 and Commission Decision 1999/217/EC Text with EEA relevance, https://eurlex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32012R0872&from=EN
 - Database for Flavouring Specifications, http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/jecfa/jecfa-flav/en/
 - List of Codex Specifications for Food Additives "CXA 6-2019"
 - Guidelines for the Use of Flavourings "CXG 66-2008"

	[] 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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
	Proposed date of publication (<i>dd</i> / <i>mm</i> / <i>yy</i>): 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): 23 August 2022
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