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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> National Center for the Prevention and Control of Plants and Animal Diseases (WEQAA Center)
<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> Wood packaging material
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decision dated 15 May 2024 relating to the implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM No. 15) for import consignments. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will apply the <i>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade (ISPM-15)</i> , which describes the processes of treatment of wood packaging material to reduce the risk of introduction and/or spread of quarantine pests associated with this type of woody material, such as dunnage, pallets, crates, boxes, packing cases, cable drums, spools/reels, load boards, skids, etc., which can be present in almost any imported consignment, including consignments that would not normally be subject to phytosanitary inspection.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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. 15 <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  <i>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade (ISPM-15)</i>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_01_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_01_x.pdf</a>          (available in Arabic)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 May 2024  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 July 2024</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 July 2024  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 August 2024  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:          Saudi Food and Drug Authority          SFDA - Northern Ring Branch Road, Dist Unit number : 1 4904 Dist. Riyadh 6336          Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222          Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825          E-mail: <a href="mailto:SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa">SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.sFDA.gov.sa">http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:          Saudi Food and Drug Authority          SFDA - Northern Ring Branch Road, Dist Unit number : 1 4904 Dist. Riyadh 6336          Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222          Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825          E-mail: <a href="mailto:SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa">SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.sFDA.gov.sa">http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</a></p>