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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)
3.	<b>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> Foodstuffs (ICS Code: 67.040)
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> General Requirements For Processed Genetically Modified Food and Feed <b>Language:</b> English and Arabic <b>Number of pages:</b> 7 and 11 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/SAU/10_4210_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/SAU/10_4210_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/SAU/10_4210_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/SAU/10_4210_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Draft Technical Regulation concerns general requirements for processed food and feed obtained through certain techniques of genetic modification and processed food and feed that contain or produced from genetically modified organism (GMO) if the GMO present is higher than 1 per cent of the ingredients considered individually, or if it consists of a single ingredient.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed</li> <li>• Regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of September 2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC</li> <li>• GM foods: safety assessment of genetically modified foods. 2005-Food standards Australia New Zealand</li> <li>• Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>	
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>	
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 January 2011</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><a href="http://www.saso.org.sa">http://www.saso.org.sa</a></p> <p>Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization  P.O.BOX: 3437 Riyadh 11471  Tel: +(966 1) 452 0000 Ext : (1378-1381-1383)  Fax: +(966 1) 452 0193  E-mail: enquiry@point@saso.org.sa</p>	
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><a href="http://www.saso.org.sa">http://www.saso.org.sa</a></p> <p>Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization  P.O.BOX: 3437 Riyadh 11471  Tel: +(966 1) 452 0000 Ext : (1378-1381-1383)  Fax: +(966 1) 452 0193  E-mail: enquiry@point@saso.org.sa</p>	