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**Committee on Import Licensing** 

## AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

## NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 5.1-5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

## KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The following notification, dated 21 February 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

1. (a) Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing / changing the import licensing procedure:

Any fresh fruit and vegetable labelled or imported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as organic products will be required Non-automatic import licensing procedure in prior, according to the Ministry of Agriculture Decision No. 888174 dated 7/6/1433 H (28 April 2012)

- (b) If the notified measure refers to a change in an already notified import licensing procedure, please indicate the document symbol of the notification to which change(s) has(ve) been introduced. (In this case please also indicate in Section 3, below, the nature of the changes (i.e. inclusion or exclusion of some goods and a list thereof; contact point for information and/or administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.)): Not available.
- 2. Information concerning the institution / change of import licensing procedure:
  - (a) List of products subject to the licensing procedure (Exact name of the products and/or whenever possible HS code and indication of the exact HS Nomenclature (i.e. 1996; 2002 or 2007). Abbreviations should be avoided. In the case of a long list of products, please attach the list as an Annex in Microsoft Word or compatible software. Please do not use PDF, or photocopies.)

We hereby notify that the items below will be subject to licensing procedures and requirements.

HS Code 2012 Items Date of Effect

Chapter 7 Edible vegetables and certain 15 Nov. 2012 roots and tubers.

Chapter 8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus 15 Nov. 2012
Fruit or melons

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

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<sup>1</sup> "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).

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(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications (If more than one please include the same information for each body.)

See paragraph 2(b) above.

(d) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published

Date of publication: 2012

Source of publication: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is

[] automatic. If so please indicate: (f) the administrative purpose:

[X] non-automatic. If so please indicate: (g) the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure: The purpose of this procedure is to ensure consumer health, food safety and conformity of imported goods with the international standards on Organic Farming and to monitor the importation of such products.

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided

This licensing procedure will continue as there is a need to ensure food safety and public health. Generally, the issuance of the license will take five working days after submission of application for the import licence, once all the requirements laid down in the procedure have been fulfilled.

3. Other relevant data or information: (i.e. complete title and data concerning the legislation, inclusion or exclusion of certain products from the import licensing regime and list thereof; changes related to the administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.)