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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The following notification, of which the first draft was received on 12 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Import Conditions and Requirements of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
3	Date of Publication	20 June 2021
4	Date of entry into force	9 August 2021
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/eServices/Pages/Import-vegetables--fruits.aspx
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document. All fresh fruits and vegetables
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;

¹ It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

² "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>CITES</i> , <i>Basel Convention</i> , <i>Rotterdam Convention</i> , <i>UNSC Resolutions</i> etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Plant Resources Directorate Address: King Abdullah Street: Eastern Ring rd., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Website: https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/Ministry/Agencies/AgencyofAgriculture/Departments/Pages/Dept88.aspx Telephone: +9668111182164 E-Mail: almutari@mewa.gov.sa
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Plant Resources Directorate Address: King Abdullah Street: Eastern Ring rd., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Website: https://www.mewa.gov.sa/ar/Ministry/Agencies/AgencyofAgriculture/Departments/Pages/Dept88.aspx Telephone: +9668111182164 E-Mail: almutari@mewa.gov.sa
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	3 business days
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	The importer who wants to import fresh fruits or vegetables to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia must apply to the MEWA to obtain an import license electronically. This license is granted according to seven conditions.
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	

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