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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Sugar and sugar products (ICS Code: 67.180.10)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> 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 countries updating the GSO 995 draft Technical Regulation for "Sweeteners Permitted in Food - General Requirements". Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 17 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SAU/20_0150_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation applies to Requirements of sugar substitutes (sweeteners) permitted for use in energy-reduced Food as sweeteners, or food without added sugar or diabetics and foods for special nutrition uses.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The sweeteners in food (UK) Regulation 2003 (labelling).- Code federal Regulation part 1 (170.3) (Sucralose).- European Regulation Directive sweeteners 115/EC.- European Union Legislation L 259/122.- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) EFSA Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources (ANS) Statement in relation to the safety of Erythritol.
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 March 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, Ext. 3158 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa</p>
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