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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

| 1. | Notifying Member: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN   |   |  |
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|    | If app   | licable, name of local government involved:   |  |
| 2. | Agency responsible: SPS Enquiry point, 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): Food products in general (ICS: 67.040) |   |  |
| 4. | Regio  | egions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:   |  |
|    | [X]  | All trading partners  |  |
|    | []   | Specific regions or countries:  |  |
| 5. | for the  | of the notified document: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for: "Flavourings Permitted for Foodstuffs". Language(s): Arabic and English. Number of pages: 165-172 |  |
|    |  | /members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/SAU/16 4957 00 x.pdf<br>/members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/SAU/16 4957 00 e.pdf  |  |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> This draft technical regulation applies to natural flavourings, and artificial flavourings permitted for use in food products intended for human consumption.                     |   |  |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.                     |   |  |
| 8. | Is the   | re a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:   |  |
|    | [X]  | Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/MISC 6-2016 (List of Codex Specifications for Food Additives)  |  |
|    | []   | World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):  |  |
|    | []   | International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):   |  |
|    | []   | None  |  |
|    | Does   | pes this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?  [] Yes [] No  no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the ternational standard:   |  |
|    | [X] Y  |   |  |
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## 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- (EU) No 872/2012 (Commission Implementing Regulation)
- Council Directive 88/388/EEC of 22 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to flavourings for use in foodstuffs and to source materials for their production
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 January 2017

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