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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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> Black pepper, whole and ground (ICS Code: 67.220).
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> The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for: "Black pepper, whole and ground". <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic and English <b>Number of pages:</b> 9 and 8 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/SAU/14_5095_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/SAU/14_5095_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/SAU/14_5095_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/SAU/14_5095_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements that must be met in the black pepper ( <i>Piper nigrum</i> L.), whole and ground.
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 <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Egyptian standards No. 385-1/2009, Pepper, whole or ground - Part 1, Black pepper (available in English).

10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 January 2015  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  SPS Enquiry point, Saudi food & Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unt (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: <a href="http://www.sfda.gov.sa">http://www.sfda.gov.sa</a>
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