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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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):** Fermented milk products heat treated after fermentation (long life) (ICS Code: 67.100.10)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] 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 Draft Technical Regulation for: "Fermented Milk Products Heat Treated After Fermentation (Long Life)" **Language(s):** Arabic and English **Number of pages:** 9 and 8 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/SAU/15_4319_00_x.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/SAU/15_4319_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to the fermented milk and flavoured fermented milk (long life) for direct human consumption or further processing.
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 there 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)*** Codex Alimentarius, CODEX STAN 243-2003- Standard for Fermented Milks **[ ] 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 this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No** **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**

9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO 2317/2005 Fermented milk products heat treated after fermentation (long life))
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)*:** 25 December 2015 **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** 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: http://www.sfda.gov.sa
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