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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Standards & Metrology Directorate (BSMD) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Ministry of Industry and Commerce P.O. Box 5479, Kingdom of Bahrain Tel: +973 17574880 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh . Website: http://www.moic.gov.bh
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Atta wheat flour, (ICS: 67.000)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Atta wheat flour, (7 pages in Arabic, 6 pages in English).
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Atta wheat flour" under clauses 8.1 & 9 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements. The packaging shall be according to GSO standards No. 839 "General Regulations for Food Containers" and shall take into account the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The product shall be packed in containers which protect the health and nutritional, technical and physical characteristics.- That containers shall be manufactured from safe and suitable materials for the purpose of use. And must not cause transferring of toxic substances, objectionable odour and flavors to the product.- When the product is packed, the containers shall be new, clean, strong, sewed and sealed with a strong thread- The containers shall be with low permeability to moisture and able to protect the flour from insects and pollution. It also describes following label requirements such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The labeling should be without prejudice to the provisions of Gulf standard GSO 9 "Labeling of prepackaged foods" and GSO 150 "Expiration periods at food products";2. Labelling and adjoining explanatory statements shall be in written in Arabic and

any other language. All the information provided in another language shall be identical with those written in Arabic.	
3.	<p>The following shall be declared on the label of the product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name of the product (Atta wheat flour); - Food additives in the case of addition; - Names and quantity of fortification materials in 100 grams in the case of addition; - The name and address of the manufacturer; - Net weight in grams or kilogram; - Batch number; - Production and expiration dates.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GSO "Atta wheat flour" - CODEX STAN 152 "Standard for Wheat Flour" - Indian Standard "SPECIFICATION FOR WHEAT ATTA"(SECOND REVISION). - GSO 839 for "General Regulations for Food Containers".
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from the notification date.</p>
11.	<p>Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</p>