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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): Chicken Eggs, ICS: 67.000
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Chicken Eggs, (14 pages in Arabic, 12 pages in English).
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Chicken Eggs" under clauses 5 & 8 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements. It specifies the following packaging requirements: <u>For Fresh whole table eggs</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fresh table egg shall be clean and the eggs with class (B) and class (C) could be washed prior packaging, by water mixed with 3-5 ppm iron and contains disinfectant such as chlorine to kill microbes. It shall be dried by fans and shall be sprayed or immersed in mineral oil (paraffin oil);2. Fresh table egg shall be sorted prior packaging to exclude improper, cracked, and Internal defects eggs;3. Selected eggs shall be packed in paperback cartons and dishes; designed specifically for eggs;4. Dishes shall be packed in sealed carton boxes, and an empty dish shall be placed on the top before closing the box;5. Dishes and boxes - complied with GSO standard No. 2152 "Egg board trays - shall be clean, strong and made from appropriate materials and do not transfer any undesirable odors to the eggs and must be used just once only. <u>For liquid, frozen, dried and frozen-dried chicken eggs</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Liquid, frozen, and dried eggs shall be packed in tightly clean, solid sealed

containers made from carton lined with plastic layer or any other appropriate healthy material so that it does not result any physical or chemical properties of the eggs will not be affected.

2. Packages requirements shall meet hygienic requirements of food product containers and shall be free from any undesirable odors.
3. Liquid, frozen, dried and frozen-dried eggs shall be packed under vacuum or in presence of Nobel gas such as (nitrogen or nitrogen and carbon dioxide).
4. Liquid eggs shall be stored at a temperature of not more than 5° C for a period of not more than 5 days and dried while frozen-dried eggs shall be stored at a temperature of not more than (10°C) and for 6 months in maximum, and frozen eggs shall be stored at a temperature of (-18°C) and for a period not exceeding six months.

It also describes following label requirements such as:

1. The labeling should be without prejudice to the provisions of Gulf standard GSO 9 Labeling of prepackaged foods.
2. The following shall be declared on the label of the product:

For whole fresh table eggs:

The following data shall appear on small egg containers - with cover even if these containers are inside other large containers:

1. Non-symbolic production date and expiration date, (day-month- year);
2. Number of eggs;
3. Class (quality grade (AA, A, B, C): weight);
4. Name and address of the Packing center or the production farm;
5. Storage conditions;
6. All imported eggs shall be stamped to distinguish them from local production;
7. Non-symbolic production date and expiration date, (day-month- year).

For Liquid, frozen, dried and frozen-dried eggs:

The following data shall appear on small egg containers - with cover even if these containers are inside other large containers:

1. Non-symbolic production date and expiration date, (day-month- year) depending on storage temperature;
2. In case of glucose extraction, the product name must be followed by a statement of (glucose free);
3. Storage conditions;
4. The names and amounts of any optional permitted ingredients.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety.

8. Relevant documents:

- GSO 1002 "Chicken Eggs"
- Egyptian standard 4337 "Code of hygienic practice for egg and egg products safety"
- CAC/RCP 15 - Code of Hygienic Practices for Eggs and Eggs Products"
- Monira, K. N.; Salahuddin and, M.; Miah, G. (2003), "Effect of Breed and Holding Period on Egg Quality- Characteristics of Chicken", International journal of Poultry- Science 2 (4): 261–263

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	To be determined To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the notification date.	
11.	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:	