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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): Edible essential water-General requirements, ICS: 67.180
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Edible essential water-General requirements, (6 pages in Arabic, 7 pages in English)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Edible essential water-General requirements" under clauses 7.1 & 8 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements. The product shall be packed in suitable hygienic, clean, dry, and well-sealed in compliance with the GSO standards No. 839 "Food Packages - Part 1: General Requirements" and GSO 1863 "Food Packages - Part II: Plastic Packages, General Regulations". It also describes following label requirements such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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";- 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;- The following shall be declared on the label of the product;- Percentage of essential oil;- Food preservatives or its code numbers;- The term "blended shall be appear on the label in the case of essential water

prepared by blending"; - The term "Natural or by distillation" may be appear on the label in the case of essential water obtained by distillation only.	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety.
8.	Relevant documents: - GSO 1017" Edible essential water (Rose water - Flower water) " - Egyptian standard No. 568 "Sampling of essential oils and concretes"
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 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: