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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): Non-Alcoholic Carbonated Beverages, ICS: 67.140
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Non-Alcoholic Carbonated Beverages, (7 pages in Arabic, 7 pages in English)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Non-Alcoholic Carbonated Beverages under clauses 7.1 & 8 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements. 1. It specifies that the product should be without prejudice to the following provisions of GSO Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- GSO 839 "General Regulations for Food Containers";- GSO 1024 "Non-Returnable Glass Bottles for Carbonated Beverages";- GSO 1793 "The two pieces aluminium round cans used for canning food (Beverages & stuff). 2. The product shall be packaged in containers which will safeguard the hygienic quality; 3. The edges of the glass container nozzle shall have a continuous smooth surface. The crowns shall be new, free from rust, and lined with cork or plastic discs to prevent gas leakage and disintegration; 4. Containers made of material other than glass shall comply with -GSO 1793 "The two pieces aluminium round cans used for canning food (Beverages & stuff). 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.	Labeling 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.	The following shall be declared on the label of the product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Packer or Producer name or its trade mark shall be clearly shown on the outer surface of the glass containers; - The name of the non-alcoholic beverage or its trade mark or both shall be clearly shown on the glass container in a way it cannot be removed during trading;
4.	If the non-alcoholic beverage contains caffeine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It shall be mentioned as contents. - The concentration of caffeine shall be written in the table of nutritional Information. - If the concentration of caffeine exceeds 150 mg / l it shall be clearly stated under the name of the product the warning: (High caffeine) and (not suitable for patients with heart disease, high pressure, pregnant women children, and athletes during exercises).
5.	Production date and shelf life or expiry date.
6.	Nutritional Information for each 100 ml, including calories and grams of protein, fat and carbohydrates (or sugar) and the number of mg of sodium.
7.	Concentration of artificial sweeteners if used with its cautions and notifications.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GSO 18 "Non-Alcoholic Carbonated Beverages"; - European directory No. EC 67/2002 "Labeling for Foodstuff that contain Quinine & Caffeine".
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: