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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Standards & Metrology Directorate (BSMD) <b>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:</b>  Ministry of Industry and Commerce P.O. Box: 5479, Kingdom of Bahrain Tel: +973 17574880 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bsmd@moic.gov.bh">bsmd@moic.gov.bh</a> . Website: <a href="http://www.moic.gov.bh">http://www.moic.gov.bh</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Soft Candy, ICS: 67.000
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Soft Candy, (12 pages in Arabic, 10 pages in English).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Soft Candy" under clauses 7.1 & 8 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements. The product shall be packed in clean, suitable, sound, moisture proof, and well-sealed containers that have no effect on product properties.  It also specify the following labelling requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The labeling should be without prejudice to the provisions of the GSO standard No. GSO 9 "Labeling of prepackaged foods" and GSO 150 "Expiration Periods of Food Products - Part 1";</li><li>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;</li><li>3. The following shall be declared on the label of the product:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Name of food: soft candy;</li><li>- Candy type;</li><li>- Food additives (if used);</li><li>- Nutritional Facts (if the size of the cover doesn't allow printing the facts, then it must be written on the outer container);</li><li>- Packaging or candy cover doesn't have any graphics, pictures, or phrases that are incompatible with the Religious and moral values.</li></ul></li></ol>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To maintain consumer protection and food safety.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- GSO 1320 "Soft Candy";</li><li>- Codex standard 192 for food additives;</li><li>- Egyptian standard 464-1 sugar sweets.</li></ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b>	To be determined.
	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>	To be determined.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the notification date	
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</b>	