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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): Sweet Cassava, ICS: 67.080.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Sweet Cassava, (10 pages in Arabic, 6 pages in English)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Sweet Cassava" under clauses 8.1 & 9 (packaging & labelling) as mandatory requirements: 1. The materials used inside the package must be new, clean, and good quality to prevent causing any external or internal damage to the product; 2. The product shall be packed in clean, suitable, sound, moisture proof, and well-sealed containers that have no effect on product properties. It also describes following label requirements such as: 1. The labeling should be without prejudice to what is stated in the GSO 9 "Labeling of prepackaged foods" and GSO 299 "Methods of test for vegetables, fruits and their products - second part: determination of moisture, alcohol - insoluble solids, total ash, calcium, mineral oil and ascorbic acid" 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. It must declare the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Name of the produce and type (sweet);- The name of the variety (optional);- Production and Expiration Date.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	To maintain consumer protection and food safety.
8.	Relevant documents:	
	-	GSO "Sweet Cassava"
	-	CODEX STAN 238 "Sweet Cassava"
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: