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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> Canned Stone Fruits (ICS: 67.080)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Canned Stone Fruits (11 pages in English, 14 pages in Arabic).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements of packaging, storage & labelling which are stated in this document under clauses 9 & 10 respectively. They are illustrated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The canned stone fruits shall be packed in hygienic, clean and hermetically sealed containers.</li><li>• The containers shall be stored in well ventilated place and away from heat sources and pollution.</li><li>• In addition to the requirements of the Gulf Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, the following provisions apply: the product name including various types i.e. (free stone, clingstone, yellow, white, red, ... etc) or flavouring which characterize the product with X, shall be declared on label as part of fruits name.</li><li>• The labelling and adjoining explanatory statements shall be written in Arabic and, where another language is used, it shall be alongside the Arabic. All the information provided in another language shall be identical with those written in Arabic.</li></ul>
7.	<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 "Canned stone fruits"</li><li>- Codex standard for canned stone fruits 343/3002, No. 242-2003</li></ul>				
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<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>				