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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

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| 1. | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Standards & Metrology Directorate (BSMD)<br><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><br>Ministry of Industry and Commerce<br>P.O. Box 5479<br>Kingdom of Bahrain<br>Tel: +973 17574880<br>Fax: +973 17530730<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:bsmd@moic.gov.bh">bsmd@moic.gov.bh</a><br>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> Dried sweet basil (Ocimum basilicum L.) - Specification (ICS : 67.220.10)  |
| 5. | <b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Dried Sweet Basil (Ocimum basilicum L.) - Specification (5 pages, in English, 6 pages, in Arabic)   |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements of packaging, & labelling which are stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Dried sweet basil (Ocimum basilicum L.)-Specification" under clauses 7.1 & 7.2 respectively. They are illustrated as follows:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dried sweet basil shall be packed in clean and sound containers, made of a material suitable for food pack-aging and which does not affect the product but protects it from the ingress or loss of moisture and volatile matter;</li><li>2. In addition to the requirements of the Gulf Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, the following provisions shall be declared on the product label such as:<br/>(a) Name of Product and name &amp; address of producer and trademark if any, (b) code or batch number, (c) net mass, (d) country of origin, (f) year of harvest and (g) date of packing shall be marked directly on each package or on a label attached to the package;</li><li>3. 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></ol> |
| 7. | <b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b><br>To maintain consumer protection and food safety  |

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| 8.  | <b>Relevant documents:</b> ISO 11163:1995 "Dried sweet basil ( <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L.) – Specification"   |
| 9.  | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined<br><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined  |
| 10. | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of notification   |
| 11. | <b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> |