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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 1. Notifying Member: KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN 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:

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- 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): Edible vegetable oils Part 1 (ICS: 67.200)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Edible Vegetable Oils - Part 1 (14 pages, in English; 23 pages, in Arabic)
- 6. Description of content: The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements of packaging, storage & labelling which are stated in the Gulf standard GSO "Edible Vegetable Oils - Part 1" under clauses 5 & 6 respectively. They are illustrated as follows:
 - 1. The oil shall be packed in hygienic containers with tight cover made from harmless materials which do not affect its characteristics. The containers shall be clean, dry, free from any foreign Odour and not previously used;
 - 2. The Containers shall be stored in well ventilated place and away from heat sources and pollution;
 - 3. In addition to the requirements of the Gulf Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, the following provisions apply: Type of the vegetable oil and the Additives and its added content plus types of the additives amount shall be declared on the label of the product;
 - 4. 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.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety

8. Relevant documents:

- GSO 1754 "Edible Vegetable Oils Part 1"
- Codex standard CAC 210 /1999 modified 2013 "Named of vegetable oils"
- 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. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: