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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>QATAR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Standards and Metrology Department 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 Environment Standard Department P.O. Box 23277 State of Qatar E-mail: standard@qatar.net.qa
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): Red hot pepper paste (Harissa) (ICS: 67.080)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Red hot pepper paste (Harissa) (5 pages, in English; 6 pages, in Arabic)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation is concerned with the red hot pepper paste (Harissa), manufactured and intended for direct human consumption. It does not apply to other traditionally-prepared types of harissa, definitions, requirements, sampling, methods of tests and examination and labelling.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a Muslim country we are working to provide a reliable system for our citizens concerned with their special requirement for halal foods;• To maintain quality of this product, consumer protection and marketing relation of GCC countries and food safety.
8.	Relevant documents: Codex standard No. 308 R - 2011 "Red hot pepper paste (Harissa)"
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Six months after publication in official Gazette
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of circulation

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

Ministry of Environment

Standard Department

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