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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: Bahrain Standards & Metrology Directorate (BSDM) 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 Kingdom of Bahrain P.O. Box 5479 Tel.: +973 17574871 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh Web site: 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): Foodstuffs: additives permitted for use in foodstuffs (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Additives Permitted for Use in Foodstuffs (287, pages in English; 290 pages, in Arabic)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation specifies the requirements stated in the Gulf standard under clauses 7 & 8 (packaging and labelling) as mandatory requirements. It describes the packaging requirements of the product that it should be packed in clean, suitable safe containers with lids to avoid external atmosphere or contamination. Also, the materials used in packaging must not react with the product. It also describes the labelling requirements as follows: The product should be without prejudice to what is stated in the Gulf Standard mentioned in GSO 9 "Labelling of Prepackaged Foodstuffs" and the following should be included in the label: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common name or EEC number.• Colouring Matters (Name of solvent or diluent, dye purity grade, the statement "free from alcohol", the statement "colouring matter for food", the statement "Do not exposure to light" in case of colouring matter affected by light. Dates of production and expiry, batch number. In case of colours (Tartrazine INS 102, Sunset yellow INS 110, Azorubine (Carmoisine) INS 122 and/or Allura red INS 129) added the following shall be declared:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use distinguishable mark (*)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write the following statement "This material may be having a negative effect on activity and concentration in children" under contents • Sweeteners (Food products formulated specifically for use by diabetics or for other special nutritional uses shall contain the statement "Food for special dietary use, or food for diabetic". The amount of sweeteners matter, mg/ liter or kg, in case of using combination of sweeteners, the amount of each in combination shall be declared. The following cautions shall be declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the case of aspartame - Not to be used by persons who have phenyl "ketonuria". The maximum intake shall not exceed 40 mg/kg of body weight. • In the case of saccharine, "Use of this product may be hazardous to your health, because it contains saccharin which has been determined to cause cancer in laboratory animals". • In the case of sorbitol or xylitol: "Excess of consumed quantity of sorbitol or xylitol over 40 g per day may cause diarrhea (laxation)". • In the case of manitol: "Excess of consumed quantity of manitol over 20 g per day may cause diarrhea (laxation)". • In the case of sugar alcohol's (polyols) 1 "Excess of consumed quantity may be cause "diarrhea"". • Antioxidant: The statement "Antioxidant permitted for use in foodstuffs" in case of antioxidant containers. • Emulsifiers, stabilizers and thickeners: In case of gelatine, lecithins and mono - and di-glycerides the source shall be mentioned. <p>Preservatives: The statement "Preservative for use in food products" in case of preservatives containers.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codex General Standard For Food Additives, Codex Stan 192-1995 • Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives Cac/GL 36-1989 • Commission Regulation (EU) No 1129/2011 of 11 November 2011 Amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council by Establishing a Union List of Food Additives • SASO 1548/2011 "Sweeteners Permitted to Use in Foodstuff"
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 date of notification
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 Industry and Commerce Kingdom of Bahrain P.O. Box 5479 Tel.: +973 17574871 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh Web site: http://www.moic.gov.bh