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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: KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Bahrain 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): Canned mangoes (ICS Code: 67.080)
- 5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Canned mangoes (9 pages, in English; 14 pages, in Arabic)
- **6. Description of content:** The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements labelling stated in the Gulf Standard document GSO 951 "Canned Mangoes" under clause 8. They are illustrated as follows:

In addition to the requirements of the Gulf Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, the following provisions apply and shall be declared on the label of the product:

- (a) Name of canned product: "Mangoes"
- (b) Styles of preparation: "Halves", "Slices", "Diced", "Pieces", or "Mixed pieces" or "Irregular pieces"
- (c) The packing medium and its concentration
- (d) The fruit juice component of any packing medium shall not be declared in the name of the product if it comprises less than 10% (m/m) of the total packing medium but it shall be declared in the list of ingredients
- (e) The packing type
- (f) Product name and address of the brand, if any
- (g) Ingredients in descending order according to their percentages
- (h) Net weight by using international units
- (i) Production date and expiration date in month and year
- (j) Storage conditions and conservation (the optimum storage temperature)

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 951 "Canned Mangoes"
 - "Yemeni Standard 2475: 2013 "Canned Mangoes"
- **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: