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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 (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: 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): Chilled beef, buffalo, mutton and goat meat (ICS: 67.120.10)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Chilled Beef, Buffalo, Mutton and Goat Meat (13 pages, in English; 15 pages, in Arabic)
6.	Description of content: The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements of labelling stated in the Gulf Standard document GSO 997 "Chilled beef, buffalo, mutton and goat meat" under clause 12. The labelling requirements are illustrated as follows: The product should be without prejudice to what is stated in the Gulf standards mentioned in GSO 9 "Labelling of prepackaged foodstuffs" and GSO 150-1 "Expiration dates for food products- Part 1: Mandatory expiration dates". <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. The following should be included in the label: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meat which has been passed by the official veterinarian inspector as free from contagious diseases and fit for human consumption, shall be branded with a stamp containing the essential labelling according to the regulation in each GSO country such as meat type, date of slaughtering, code or municipality and quality grade (if the meat is quality graded).• The carcasses shall be stamped on each half-carcass, in the following places, at least: external surface of the thighs, loins, back, breast and shoulder.• Cuts obtained in the cutting plants from officially marked carcasses must be stamped, unless they are wrapped or packaged.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) Meat type, Name of the meat cut and fat content; (b) Quality grade (in case of grading meat according to quality); (c) Slaughtering date and expiry date (day- month- year); (d) Net weight when packed and (e) Statement "Slaughtering according to Islamic rules "Halal".
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety
8.	Relevant documents: Egyptian Standard "Chilled Meat" – ES 3602:2008
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: