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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): Honey (ICS Code: 67.040)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Honey (14 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 147 related to "Honey" under clause 8 respectively. 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. They are illustrated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Storage conditions and conservation• Product name and type (honey)• Honey can be named according to its geographical or topographical origin if the product is within the boundaries of the area mentioned• Honey can be classified according to its floral or vegetable origin, when most of its sensory, chemical, natural and microscopic ingredients are derived from the source mentioned• When classifying honey according to its floral or vegetable origin, the name of the product must be similar to the origin source• When classifying honey according to its floral or vegetable origin, the area of origin must be mentioned• Honey can be named according to the way it was extracted from its wax:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sorted honey• Compressed honey• Dried honey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honey can be named according to the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquefied or crystallised honey or a mixture of them • Honey comb • Honey comb pieces or honey lump inside the liquid honey • In the case of low diastase enzyme honey, it must be declared "Low diastase enzyme" or any other phrase that indicates the same meaning • Manufacturer name and address of the packer or trade mark, if any • Net Weight international units • Date of production or packing month and year • Country of origin
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"> • GSO 147 "Honey" • Egyptian Standard – ES 355-1:2008 "Honey and Method of Analysis Part 1: Honey" • Private Yemeni Honey – Research Study 0.2007 to 2010 m • Codex Standard No 12/1981 – [Rev 2/2001 for honey] • Syrian Standard No. (412/2004) for "Honey (1st revision)"
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: