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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) <b>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:</b> Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization P.O. BOX: 3437 Riyadh 11471 Tel: +966(1)4520000 Ext: (1378-1381-1383) Fax +966(1)4520193 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiry@point@saso.org.sa">enquiry@point@saso.org.sa</a> <a href="http://www.saso.gov.sa">http://www.saso.gov.sa</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Maximum residues limits (MRLs) of veterinary drugs in food (ICS: 67.040.00)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Maximum Residues Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs in Food" (169 pages, in English; 163 pages, in Arabic)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft technical regulation applies to maximum residues limits for the veterinary drugs in food and food products of animal origin. Furthermore, the present GSO technical standard has an appendix referring to the withdrawal periods from animal's body as well as residue markers and methods of detection.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Food safety
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs in Food . 35th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (July 2012);</li><li>• Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs in Food 2011;</li><li>• Acceptable Daily Intakes (ADI) for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals. Australian Government, Department of Health and Aging Office of Chemical Safety. 31 December 2012;</li><li>• Australian Standard (2012), Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, The MRL Standard, Maximum Residue Limits in Food and Animal Feedstuff, July 2012;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Standards, Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of Veterinary Drugs in Food, 2011;</li> <li>• Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010;</li> <li>• Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 <a href="http://www.fve.org/veterinary/pdf/medicines/regulation_2377_90_en.pdf">http://www.fve.org/veterinary/pdf/medicines/regulation_2377_90_en.pdf</a>;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/865/03-Final, June 2004 : The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/CVMP/151/99-Final, March 1999. The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit. Committee for Veterinary Medical Products;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/889/03-Final. June 2004. The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit. Committee for Veterinary Medical Products;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/342/00-Final. January 2001. The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit. Committee for Veterinary Medical Products;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/342/98-Final. February 1998. The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit. Committee for Veterinary Medical Products;</li> <li>• European Community Comments on CODEX Circular Letter CL 2005-10 RVDF;</li> <li>• EMEA/MRL/079/96-Final, March 1996. The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal products. Veterinary Medicines and Information Technology Unit;</li> <li>• JECFA (2011) Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives Seventy-fifth meeting (Residues of veterinary drugs) Rome, 8–17 November 2011;</li> <li>• JECFA (2012) Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives - Summary report of the seventy-fifth meeting of JECFA (January, 2012);</li> <li>• The Japan Food Chemical Research Foundation, 2012;</li> <li>• US Maximum Residue Levels in Food Commodities;</li> </ul> <p>USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. Gain Report Number: JA7053, 2007.</p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Six months after publication in official Gazette</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of circulation</p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization  P.O. BOX: 3437 Riyadh 11471  Tel: +966(1)4520000 Ext: (1378-1381-1383)  Fax +966(1)4520193  Email: <a href="mailto:enquiry@sasmo.gov.sa">enquiry@sasmo.gov.sa</a>  <a href="http://www.sasmo.gov.sa">http://www.sasmo.gov.sa</a></p>