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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: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Standards and Metrology Department 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: Qatar General Organization for Standardization – Ministry of Environment Standards and Metrology Department P.O. Box 23277 Doha – State of Qatar E-mail: standard@qatar.net.qa
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): Modified starches (food grade) (ICS: 65.160)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf – Draft Technical Regulation for "Modified Starches" (9 pages, in Arabic)
6.	Description of content: This draft technical regulation applies to modified starches, definitions, description, requirements, purity specifications, packaging and labelling.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Food safety and consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: (FAO) Food and Nutrition paper 52 Add. 9 – Compendium of Additive Specifications
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 180 Days from date of publication of approved version by GSO Council in the official gazette
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the 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: Qatar General Organization for Standardization – Ministry of Environment Standards and Metrology Department P.O. Box 23277 Doha – State of Qatar E-mail: standard@qatar.net.qa https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/QAT/16_0632_00_x.pdf