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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>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point 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: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Economy and Industry Tel: + (972) 3 7347502 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il
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): Wheat flour (HS: 1101; ICS: 67.060)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: SI 46 – Wheat flour (3 pages, in English; 9 pages, in Hebrew)
6.	Description of content: Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 46, dealing with wheat flour. This draft standard revision adopts the Codex Standard 152 – 1985, Revision 1995. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes the standard's scope to exclude semolina wheat and durum wheat• Deletes the specific requirements for all types of flours• Adds specific requirements for white and dark wheat flours, used in producing white bread products, standard bread and Challahs (Jewish traditional bread)
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Israel Mandatory Standard SI 46 (November 2006) and Amendment 1 (September 2014)• Codex Standard 152 – 1985, Revision 1995

9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Generally 60 days after publication in Israel Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices. If this new edition publishes soon, then both the old standard and the new revised standard will apply until 1 May, 2016. During this period wheat flours could be tested according to the old standard (November 2006 edition, excluding Amendment 1) or the new revised standard.</p> <p>The labelling requirements will enter into force 2 years after publication in Israel's Official Gazette.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI46_Jan15.pdf</p> <p>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/download/standards/50/CXS_152e.pdf</p>