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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): Pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.) (HS 0904; ICS 67.220.10)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: SI 959 part 1 - Pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.), whole or ground - Specification: White pepper (7 pages in Hebrew and 14 pages in English); SI 959 part 2 - Pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.), whole or ground - Specification: Black pepper (7 pages in Hebrew and 12 pages in English).
6.	Description of content: Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 408, dealing with Pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.), to be replaced with SI 959 parts 1 and 2. These draft standard revisions adopts the International Standards ISO 959-1 - Second edition: 1998-05-15 and the International Standards ISO 959-2 - Second edition: 1998-05-15, accordingly and therefore are significantly different from the old standard. The major differences between the old version and these new revised draft standards are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Divides the standards to two parts dealing with white and black pepper separately;• Adds references to Israel national laws, regulations and official documents;• Deletes paragraph 106 dealing with compliance.
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 408 (July 1981);• International Standards ISO 959-1 - Second edition: 1998-05-15;• International Standards ISO 959-2 - Second edition: 1998-05-15.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Generally 60 days after publication in Israel Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from 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: http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI959Part1_Jan15.pdf http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI959Part2_Jan15.pdf