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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism Kingdom of Bahrain P.O. Box 5479 Tel.: +973 17574881 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bsmd@moic.gov.bh">bsmd@moic.gov.bh</a> . Web site: <a href="http://www.moic.gov.bh">http://www.moic.gov.bh</a> <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>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Plastic products (ICS: 83.140.99)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> National Technical Regulation for plastic products
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft is an update to the National Technical Regulation that regulates the import, manufacture and use of plastic products, by specifying their environmental requirements.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information, protection of animal or plant life or health and the protection of the environment
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> National Technical Regulation for plastic products <u>Description of the Ministerial Order:</u> This draft document is an update to the National Technical Regulation in the Ministerial Order No (11)2019 regarding Plastic products Technical Regulation. This document regulates the import, manufacture and use of plastic products, by specifying the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Requirements for installing the label on the product</li><li>2. The term of the license</li><li>3. License to import or manufacture</li></ol>

4. Technical Requirements
5. Responsibility of the economic operator
6. Request for samples of products
7. Label
8. General Provisions

English translation.

The update includes the removal of the degradable plastic products list from the technical regulation and their inclusion in the guide to be issued by the regulators in the Kingdom of Bahrain, as well as the elimination of biodegradable plastic products covered by the regulations such as shopping clothes, vegetables and fruits plastic bags, where a new decision will be raised by the World Trade Organization regarding the banning single-use plastic bags in the Bahraini market.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** Generally six months after publication in the Official Gazette

**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:**

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