NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Kingdom of Bahrain  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism  Kingdom of Bahrain P.O. Box 5479  Tel.: +973 17574881   Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: [bsmd@moic.gov.bh](mailto:bsmd@moic.gov.bh).  Web site: <http://www.moic.gov.bh>  **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:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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):** Single-use plastic bags (ICS: 83.140.99); (ICS: 83.140.99) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Ministerial Order regarding banning single-use plastic bags in the Bahraini market. |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The purpose of this Ministerial Order is to ban single-use plastic bags in the Bahraini market, with exempting garbage bags, bags used for medical purposes and bags manufactured to be exported from the Kingdom of Bahrain |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, protection of animal or plant life or health and the protection of the environment. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Draft Ministerial Order regarding banning single-use plastic bags in the Bahraini market:  Description of the Ministerial Order:  This Ministerial Order is intended to ban the manufacture, selling, distributing and importing of single-use plastic bags in the Bahraini market.  The Ministerial order exempts the following products from the ban:   1. Garbage bags, 2. Bags used for medical purposes 3. Bags manufactured to be exported from the Kingdom of Bahrain |
| **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:**  Email : [bsmd@moic.gov.bh](mailto:bsmd@moic.gov.bh)  Website: <http://www.moic.gov.bh> |