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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Food products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Process for Approving Foreign Competent Control Authorities and Establishments Interested in Exporting Food Products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 29 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/SAU/21_3136_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft document applies to verify the procedures carried out by the competent control authority responsible for food safety in countries interested in exporting food products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and clarifies the procedure for approving foreign establishments and the inspection fee. This step paves the way for assigning the competent authority the responsibility of approving the establishments interested in exporting food products to Saudi market.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 June 2021 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, Ext. 3158 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sFDA.gov.sa Website: http://www.sFDA.gov.sa
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