NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN  **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):** Meat, meat products and other animal produce (ICS code(s): 67.120) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf draft Technical Regulation for Ground red meat and ground poultry meat.**Language(s):** English/Arabic. **Number of pages:** 12  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/SAU/22\_8119\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/SAU/22_8119_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/SAU/22_8119_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation applies to minced red meat or minced chicken, and includes pure minced meat (red meat or minced chicken) and minced meat with added soybean products or milk protein products and suitable for human consumption. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****]****animal health, [****]****plant protection, [****]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[****]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****]** **Yes [****]** **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:**   * Defra/FSA Interim advice on the labelling of minced meat under Regulation (EU) 1169/2011, September 2014 * Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book (USDA), August 2005 |
| **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)*:** 27 November 2022  **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 February 2023  **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 - Food Sector  Contact person: Dr. Majid M. AlKhalaf  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 4915  E-mail: [spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****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 - Food Sector  Contact person: Dr. Majid M. AlKhalaf  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext. 4915  E-mail: [spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |