NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**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):** Frozen and processed guava |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Egypt |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Administrative Order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 19500 dated 11 January 2018 (24/04/1439 AH) entitled "Temporary Ban on the Importation of Frozen and Processed Guava" originating from Egypt. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Based on results of official controls on fresh guava from Egypt showing non-compliance with international standards, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture published Decision No. 161/1291/1439 dated 25 December 2017 imposing a temporary ban on the importation of fresh guava originating from Egypt. Therefore, the import of frozen and processed guava from Egypt to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended. |
| **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.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** The results of official controls done by the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture on fresh guava from Egypt show non-compliance with international standards requirements as regards pesticide residues. Therefore, these results demonstrate a serious risk for human health due to the presence of pesticide residues at levels largely exceeding the international standards. |
| **9.** | **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:**  |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 18 January 2018 (01/05/1439 AH)**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
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