NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)  **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:**  <http://www.saso.gov.sa>  Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)  P. O .BOX : 3437 Riyadh 11471  Tel: +966(11) 2529999 Ext : (9070-9061)  Fax +966(11)4520193  Email: [enquirypoint@saso.gov.sa](mailto:enquirypoint@saso.gov.sa) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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):** Fruits. Vegetables (ICS: 67.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf draft Technical Regulation for "Loose Dates". (21 page(s), in Arabic) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft technical regulation is concerned with fresh dates, washed, rehydrated, dried, covered or pasteurized dates of different types of date palm, that's suitable for human consumption. It does not apply to dates for processing Industrial. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Food safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Codex Standard for Date, No. 143-1985 * UNECE Standard DDP-08- (Whole dates). * Saudi standards for dates. The national centre for palms and dates - Ministry of Environment, Water & Agriculture. * GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), repacked whole dates, GSO 656/2014. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**180 days from date of publication of approved version  **Proposed date of entry into force:**180 days from date of publication of approved version |
| **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:**  <http://www.saso.gov.sa>  Saudi Standards ,Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) P. O .BOX : 3437 Riyadh 11471  Tel: +966(11) 2529999 Ext : (9070-9061) Fax +966(11)4520193 Email: [enquirypoint@saso.gov.sa](mailto:enquirypoint@saso.gov.sa)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/SAU/18_3664_00_x.pdf> |