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:** Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA)  **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:**  Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA)  P O Box: 2166  Abu Dhabi  United Arab Emirates  Tel.: (+971) 2 403 2613  Fax: (+971) 2 671 0999  Email: [esma@esma.gov.ae](mailto:esma@esma.gov.ae)  Website: <http://www.esma.gov.ae> |
| **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):** ICS: 67.250 |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** GCC Draft Technical Regulation for Contaminants - Natural Toxicants (8 page(s), in Arabic) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle).  An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods.  MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production and natural resource management practices. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Safety and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** - |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** NA  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 180 days from Publication day in 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:**  Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA) UAE TBT Enquiry Point Tel.: (+971) 2 403 2657 Fax: (+971) 2 671 5999 E-mail: [uaetbt@esma.gov.ae](mailto:uaetbt@esma.gov.ae) Website: <http://www.esma.gov.ae> |