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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Standards & Metrology Directorate (BSMD) 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: Ministry of Industry and Commerce P.O. Box 5479 Kingdom of Bahrain Tel: +973 17574880 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh Website: http://www.moic.gov.bh
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): Frozen chicken (ICS: 67.120.30)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Frozen chicken (10 pages, in English; 9 pages, in Arabic)
6. Description of content: The notified draft technical regulation specifies the mandatory requirements of packaging, storage & labelling which are stated in the Gulf Standard GSO986 for "Frozen Chicken" under Clauses 7.2 & 8 respectively. They are illustrated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole chicken or chicken parts packaging should be carried out immediately after the primary chilling in tightly sealed packages, to ensure full protection of whole chicken or chicken pieces during handling, transport or storage• The packaging material should be transparent so that chicken or chicken parts are visible, materials obscuring the product may not be used• Packaging materials should be properly stored to avoid contamination• In addition to the requirements of the Gulf Standard for Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods, the following provisions shall apply and being declared on the label:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Product name: Frozen Chickenb) Name and address of the Facility where it was processedc) Net weight of the frozen unit, number of frozen units inside the crate or pack as per international system of units.d) A phrase reading "Flash Frozen", "Frozen" or "To be stored frozen at a temperature of -18°C or less".e) A phrase "not to be refrozen after defrosting"

<p>f) Date of slaughtering and date of expiration g) "With Edible Giblets" phrase in case they are available h) "Halal" sign or any phrase or signal indicating that the product is compliant with Islamic Sharia requirements, approval of competent official authorities in GCC countries and the Republic of Yemen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The labelling and adjoining explanatory statements shall be written in Arabic and, where another language is used, it shall be alongside the Arabic. All the information provided in another language shall be identical with those written in Arabic
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain consumer protection and food safety.</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thai Agricultural Standard TAS 6700-2005 • Poultry – Grading Manual USDA/ 1998 • Thai Agricultural Standard on Pesticide Residues: Maximum Residue Limits (TAS 9002) • Thai Agricultural Standard on Pesticide Residues: Extraneous Maximum Residue Limits (TAS 9003) • Iraq Standard Frozen Chickens / 1197/2011
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the notification date</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Industry and Commerce P.O. Box 5479 Kingdom of Bahrain Tel: +973 17574880 Fax: +973 17530730 E-mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh Website: http://www.moic.gov.bh</p>