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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 25 September 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

GCC Guide for Control on Imported Foods

This Guide describes principles and regulatory requirements to be applied by the exporting country and the importing GCC countries in assuring the safety and suitability of shipments of imported food. Health certificates for imported food (from animal and plant origins) which include specific attestations are provided in the Guide.

In 2017, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia notified WTO (SPS) about this Guide (G/SPS/N/SAU/14). Due to comments from many WTO Members, this Guide had been reviewed by GCC Food Safety Committee and modified accordingly. The attached version has been adopted by all GCC countries. The implementation of this Guide is voluntary, and it shall not come into force until further notice.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/SAU/17_4289_00_e.pdf
http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/SAU/17_4289_00_x.PDF

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- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
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- Other: This addendum on the GCC Guide for Control on Imported Foods, which contains requirements and health certificates, has been reviewed and revised by GCC Food Safety Committee to facilitate international trade.

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