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, THE 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:**  Ministry of Commerce & Industry  Directorate General for Specifications & Measurements  **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 Commerce & Industry  Directorate General for Specifications & Measurements  P.O. Box : 550, Postal Code : 113  Tel: +(968) 2481 3832; +(968) 2471 5992  Email: [nepic@moci.gov.om](mailto:nepic@moci.gov.om) , [nepicbusiness1@gmail.com](mailto:nepicbusiness1@gmail.com)  Website: [www.tejarah.gov.om](http://www.tejarah.gov.om) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** The general requirements for husked rice, milled rice, enriched and parboiled rice, all for direct human consumption, presented in packaged form or sold loose from the package directly to the consumer. It doesn't apply to other products derived from rice or to glutinous rice. (ICS: : 67.060) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Rice Kernel; (12 page(s), in English), (14 page(s), in Arabic) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This GSO draft technical regulation concerns the general requirements for husked rice, milled rice, enriched and parboiled rice, all for direct human consumption, presented in packaged form or sold loose from the package directly to the consumer. It doesn't apply to other products derived from rice or to glutinous rice. Items related to definitions, classification, requirements, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling are compulsory (Items 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9). Remaining items are voluntary. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer health ; Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * GSO technical regulation 1003 (Rice kernel) * Codex standard 198-2019 "standard for Rice". |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **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:**  National Enquiry Point and Information Centre (NEPIC)  Mr. Mohammed AL Balushi  National Enquiry Point and information Center  Ministry of Commerce & Industry  P.O. Box 550  Muscat  Tel: +(968) 2481 7252  Fax: +(968) 2481 7040  Email: [nepic@tejarah.gov.om](mailto:nepic@tejarah.gov.om)  Website: <http://www.moci.gov.om>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/OMN/22_3465_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/OMN/22_3465_00_e.pdf> |