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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Center for the Prevention and Control of Plants and Animal Diseases (WEQAA Center)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging material
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Ministerial Decision dated 15 May 2024 relating to the implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM No. 15) for import consignments. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will apply the <i>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade (ISPM-15)</i> , which describes the processes of treatment of wood packaging material to reduce the risk of introduction and/or spread of quarantine pests associated with this type of woody material, such as dunnage, pallets, crates, boxes, packing cases, cable drums, spools/reels, load boards, skids, etc., which can be present in almost any imported consignment, including consignments that would not normally be subject to phytosanitary inspection.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☒ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 15 ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade (ISPM-15)</i> https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_03640_01_x.pdf (available in Arabic)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2024 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 July 2024
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 July 2024 [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 August 2024 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - Northern Ring Branch Road, Dist Unit number : 1 4904 Dist. Riyadh 6336 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfd.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfd.gov.sa
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