

His Excellency Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology

After Greetings,

Subject: <u>Implementation of the decisions of the Council of Ministers Figures: 29 - 30</u> years 2018.

First, we would like to extend our best regards to you. Wish your highness the best of luck and prosperity;

We send your Excellency In this book, a copy of the Council of Ministers decisions described below, after the issuance of His Highness the Prime Minister - May God protect him-

- 1: Decisions of the Council of Ministers No. (29) Of 2018 on the UAE system for the control of milk and dairy products.
- 2: Cabinet Decision No. (30) Of 2018 on the UAE Regulation for the Control of Juices and Beverages Products. Please kindly by induction to those who are required to take the necessary measures to implement the decisions of the Council of Ministers referred to above.

With all respect and sincerity.



Cabinet Decision No (29) for the year 2018

On the UAE control system of milk and dairy products.

Council of Ministers:

- After reviewing the Constitution,
- And Federal Law No. 1 of 1972 on the terms of reference and amendments of Ministers,
- And Federal Law No. 1 of 1979 on Industry
- And Law No. 6 of 1979 on the quarantine and its amendments.
- And Law No. 28 of 2001 on the Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology and its amendments.
- And Federal Law No. 24 of 2006 regarding consumer protection and its amendments
- And the Federal Law No. 8 of 2013 on infectious and epidemiological diseases and control,
- And Federal Law No. 10 of 2015 on Food Safety.
- And Federal Law No. 14 of 2016 on Administrative Offenses and Sanctions in the Federal Government.
- And Federal Law No. 19 of 2016 on Combating Commercial Fraud
- And the decision of the Council of Ministers No. 31 of 2016 on the national system of measurement.
- And the Cabinet Decision No. 6 of 2012 on the UAE Regulation for the ratification of organic food inputs and products,
- And Federal Law No. 10 of 2014 concerning the UAE Halal Products Control System.
- And Federal Law No. 20 of 2015 on the UAE Food Control System
- And the decision of the Council of Ministers No. 35 of 2015 concerning the UAE system for the control of conformity assessment bodies
- And subject to the approval of the Council of Ministers.

Upon the approval of the Council of Ministers,

Decided:

Item (1):

Terminology:

In the application of the provisions of this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall mean the meanings established for each other unless the context of the text otherwise requires.

•Country: United Arab Emirates

•The Commission: Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology

•Board: Board of Directors of the Authority.

•Director General: Director General of the Authority.

- The Competent Authority: The competent federal or local authority in the State, which is mandated to implement the provisions of this Law.
- •Standard Specification: A document specifying the characteristics of the material, the product or the service, or all that is subject to the measurement, its descriptions, characteristics, and quality, dimensions, standards, or safety and safety requirements. It also includes terms, symbols, methods of testing, sampling, packaging, labeling and labeling.
- •Standards adopted: The standards adopted by the Authority and referred to as the standard specifications of the United Arab Emirates and are symbolized by: (ج ق أ ع ج) or (UAE. S)
- •Mandatory standards: Standard specifications whose application is mandatory by a decision of the Council of Ministers on the proposal of the Council.
- •Milk: the natural secretion of the lactic glands in the udder. Which is obtained from one of the most milking animals without adding or modifying its components after the end of the period of colostrum and is intended for consumption as a liquid milk enters the process of manufacturing dairy products.
- •Dairy products: products obtained from milk processing operations, may contain food additives, manufacturing assistance required for the processing process and includes any products expressed by labels, symbols, images or any other method suggest or imply directly or indirectly to the milk and its products.

- Product: Milk and dairy products.
- Conformity assessment: Any activity used directly to verify that the product or service meets the relevant technical requirements.
- •The conformity assessment authority: The entity registered, approved or accepted by the Authority to carry out the conformity assessment procedures in accordance with the relevant legislation, including inspection and calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, merit testing bodies and certification bodies for systems, individuals or products.
- •Conformity assessment system: The system issued by the Authority, which is concerned with verifying that the product meets the requirements specified in the standard specifications adopted directly or indirectly through specific procedures of the Authority such as examination, testing, calibration, inspection or granting of conformity certificates
- •Certificate of Conformity: The certificate issued by the Authority confirming the conformity of the product or any payment thereof to the approved standard standards requirements
- •UAE Quality Mark: The badge approved by the Authority and granted to the product to indicate that it conforms to the approved standard specifications for the product.
- •Provider: the manufacturer, processor, importer, agent, assembler, carrier or store of the product or any major or subsidiary distributor whose activity has an impact on the characteristics and performance of the product or any commercial or legal representative responsible for importing the product.
- •Supply chain: All stages passed by the product after its manufacture and until it reaches the consumer including packaging, packaging, import, supply, transport, delivery, assembly and sale of the product to the consumer, whether paid or free of charge.
- Offering: Any activity or any action aimed at selling, trading, storing, offering, marketing, promoting or offering the product to the consumer, whether by means of a contract or not.

Item 2:

Application Scope:

- 1: The provisions of this resolution shall apply to the products specified in the standard table attached to this resolution.
- 2 :The following products shall be excluded from the provisions of this resolution:

- A. Special medical uses or infusions for infants and children, such as infant formula, follow-up formula, formula milk, infant formula, infant formula for special medical uses.
- B. Similar to dairy and dairy products or non-milky sources, such as some types of food ice cream mentioned in UAE Standard No. 457 UAE GSO, 457.
- C. Meals of restaurants and small public kitchens and prepared with certain recipes such as Iranian milk and which are subject to the supervision of the competent authorities.
- D. Ingredients intended for use as raw materials in the process of food processing and importing for the licensed industrial facilities.

Item 3:

Supplier Responsibilities:

At any stage of the supply chain, the supplier shall comply with the following:

- 1 :Practicing activity through a company or an individual institution registered and licensed in accordance with relevant legislation.
- 2 :Obtain a certificate of conformity of the product before being put on the market according to the UAE conformity assessment system (ECAS).
- 3 :Obtaining the UAE Quality Mark according to the procedures adopted by the Authority.
- 4: Ensure the continuity of conformity of the product with the certificate of conformity.
- 5 :To comply with the decisions of the Council regarding the UAE system for the ratification of organic food inputs and products in the event that he wishes to put an organic badge on the label of the product.
- 6 :Cooperate with the Authority and the competent authority and provide them with all documents and certificates of conformity and any other documents related to the product upon request.
- 7 :Cooperate with the Authority and the competent authorities to withdraw the product that does not comply with the mandatory standards of the market and to report any product that is contrary to the provisions of this decision is put forward.
- 8: Any other obligations determined by the Authority in coordination with the competent local authority.

<u>Item 4:</u>

Compliance assessment requirements:

- 1 :It is prohibited to import or put the product unless it is registered according to the UAE conformity assessment system and obtained the certificate of conformity in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.
- 2 :For the purpose of assessing the conformity of the product to the mandatory standard specifications specified in the table attached to this decision, the following shall be verified:
- A: Make sure the product meets all the requirements of this decision.
- B: The submission of certificates acceptable to the Authority confirms the commitment of the supplier to implement any of the systems of food safety management or good manufacturing practices (GMP) and good health practices (GHP), which are universally accepted and by the Commission.
- C: Matching the product statement card with the explanatory data specified in their respective standard specifications as shown in the table attached to this decision.
- D: Adhering to the Cabinet Decision on the UAE Food Control System.
- E: Transport and storage of the product in accordance with the requirements in the approved standard specifications specified in the table attached to this decision.
- F: Commitment to the Cabinet Decision on the UAE Halal Products Control System.

<u>Item 5:</u>

Compliance Assessment Authority Requirements:

The conformity assessment body that evaluates the product must meet the requirements and requirements specified by the Council of Ministers' decision on the control of conformity assessment bodies.

Item 6:

Market Monitoring and Survey:

- 1. The product shall be subject to the control of the product when it is put on the market. The Authority or the competent authority shall, as the case may be, supervise it to ensure that it conforms to the conformity certificate at all stages of the supply chain.
- A: Inspection, product sampling and testing.
- B: Ensure that all outlets in the country are committed to ban the importation or placing of the product in the local market only after obtaining the certificate of conformity.
- C: Taking the appropriate measures in the face of a product that does not meet the conditions of granting the certificate or who loses any condition including suspension of trading, withdrawal or recall of the product that is not identical in the local market.
- D: The supplier responsible for placing the infringing product shall be obliged to summon it and withdraw it from the local market in order to correct the situation or to return it to the country of origin or to destroy it in accordance with the legislation in force in this country within the period specified by the Authority or the competent authority, as the case may be.
- E: Follow up the implementation of the procedures referred to in this Item.
- 2 :The supplier who took the sample from the product in his possession is responsible for not meeting the requirements of this decision unless proven otherwise, during the period specified by the Authority or the competent authority, as the case may be.
- 3 :Control of the product includes all entry points of the state to ensure that the product conforms to the provisions of this decision

<u>Item 7:</u>

General Provisions:

- 1: The approved standard specifications shown in the table attached to this decision shall be mandatory for application in the State and shall be regarded as an integral part thereof.
- 2 :The Commission shall take the necessary measures to implement the provisions of this resolution and have delegated the competent authority some of its powers.
- 3 .The product may not be imported from the countries covered by the import ban issued by the competent authority in the State.
- 4: If any situation arises which can't be dealt with under the provisions of this resolution, or any dispute arises in the interpretation or application thereof, he shall order the Director-General to issue the decision he deems fit with regard to such situation or dispute in the public interest.

- 5: In the event that the product is not approved, the supplier shall be given the right of appeal or objection to the Authority within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of notifying him of the decision not to approve the decision.
- 6:The supplier may submit a new application for a certificate of conformity provided that the corrective measures and amendments required by the Authority's decision are taken to respond to the complaint or objection submitted by it.
- 7: All parties subject to the provisions of this resolution shall provide the assistance and information required by the inspectors of the competent authorities and the implementation of its provisions.
- 8: The provisions of this decision shall not prevent inspectors of the competent authorities from inspecting, taking samples and conducting tests and tests to ensure that the product conforms to the provisions of other legislations.
- 9: The Council may amend any of the standard specifications contained in the attached table or adopt any other standard required by the implementation of this resolution in accordance with the provisions of Federal Law No. 28 of 2001 establishing the Emirates Authority for Standards and Metrology and its amendments.
- 10 :The Council shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Item 8:

Transitional provisions:

The supplier who introduced a product in the market shall be given the right to publish this decision in the Official Gazette for a period not exceeding one Gregorian year from the date of publication to conform the conditions of the product in accordance with the provisions of this decision.

Item 9

Violations and sanctions:

Without prejudice to any penalty or procedure stipulated by Federal Law No. (28) of 2001 regarding the establishment of the Emirates Standards and Metrology Authority and its amendments and other relevant legislation in the event of a violation of any of the provisions of Items 3-4 of this decision of the Authority or the competent authority. Or more of the following administrative sanctions.

- A: Coordination with the licensing authority to revoke the trade license of the supplier responsible for the violation.
- B Cancel the certificate of conformity of the infringing product.
- C: The offender shall incur the expenses and costs of removing and dealing with the damages caused by the violation if he does not remove or treat.
- 2. In the event that the Authority or the Competent Authority is not able, as the case may be, to determine the person responsible for the non-conformity of the product with the requirements of this decision, the person whose violation has been determined shall be responsible for the non-conformity unless otherwise proven.

Item 10:

Grievance Procedure:

- 1 :It is permissible to appeal against the decisions issued pursuant to the provisions of Item (9) of this resolution, provided that the following is observed:
- A: Submission of grievance to the Director General in accordance with the procedures determined by the Commission within a period not exceeding 14 working days from the date of notification of the decision to which he wishes to appeal.
- B: Attach all necessary documents explaining the cause of the complaint.
- 2: The Director-General shall issue the decision he deems appropriate regarding the grievance submitted in accordance with the provisions of this Item within a period not exceeding (25) working days from the date of its submission. The decision issued in this regard shall be final. The appeal shall be considered null and void if no action is taken within the period specified in this Item.

Item 11:

Cancellations:

Any provision contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution shall be repealed.



<u>Item 12</u>

Publication and application:

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be effective from the day following the date of its publication.

Table attached to the decision of the Council of Ministers No. 29 of 2018

Concerning the UAE Dairy and Dairy Control System:

NO	Standard Number	The Certified Standard Specification
1	Yogurt	UAE. S / GSO 992
2	Fat (Trans fatty acids)	UAE. S / GSO 2483
3	General guidelines for using terms of milk products.	UAE. S / GSO CAC 206
4	Raw milk	UAE. S / GSO 174
5	Flavored milk	UAE. S / GSO 785
6	Milk and its products - Sampling methods	UAE. S / GSO 569
7	Liquid yogurt (laban)	UAE. S / GSO 2033
8	Yogurt	UAE. S / GSO 1338

9	Flavored yogurt	UAE. S / GSO 1375
10	The practical and healthy constitution of milk and its products	UAE. S / GSO 2214
11	Rub the flavor	UAE. S / GSO 474
12	Dairy and its products - pasteurized camels' milk	UAE. S / GSO 992
13	Goat's milk	UAE. S / GSO 1983
14	General requirements for handling used food for special medical purposes.	UAE. S / GSO 1366
15	Milk cartoons container	UAE. S / GSO 1102
16	Periods of validity of food products Part I - Periods of mandatory shelf life.	UAE. S / GSO 150-1
17	Packaged food card	UAE. S / GSO 9
18	Guide to the production, classification, marketing and labeling of organic foods.	UAE. S / GSO / CAC / GL/ 32
19	General specification of pollutants and toxins in food and feed.	UAE. S / CAC / 193
20	General Specification for Food Additives	UAE. S / CAC / 192
21	Maximum permissible residues of veterinary medicines in feed.	UAE. S / CAC / MRL2
22	Maximum residues of pesticides in food and agricultural products.	UAE. S / CAC / MRL1
23	Food Packages - Part 1 - General Requirements	UAE. S / GSO 839
24	Nutritional requirements on the card.	UAE. S / GSO 2233
25	Food packaging - Part 2 - Plastic packaging General requirements	UAE. S / GSO 1863
26	Food requirements with nutritional and health claims.	UAE. S / GSO 2233
27	Quantity of product in packaging.	UAE. S / GSO R87



28	General rules for food hygiene.	UAE. S / GSO 1697
29	Microbiological limits for commodities and foodstuffs.	UAE. S / GSO 1016
30	General guidelines for misleading claims of food.	UAE. S / GSO CAC GL 1
31	General requirements for halal food.	UAE. S / GSO 2055-1
32	Health conditions in the food factories and workers	UAE. S / GSO 21
33	General requirements for the transportation and storage of refrigerated and frozen foods.	UAE. S / GSO 323