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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality
3.	<b>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):</b> Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS code: 65.160)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft of the Egyptian Standard ES 612 for "Blended Tobacco for Cigarettes". <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 9
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft of the Egyptian Standard ES 612 for 'Blended Tobacco for Cigarettes' specifies the basic requirements and descriptive criteria for blended tobacco used in American-type cigarettes and Oriental-English-type cigarettes.  It also covers aromatic cigarettes and blended shag tobacco, as well as the proportions of the blending components added thereto.  It is worth mentioning that this draft standard has been formulated based on national studies.  Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 September 2025 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  Central Administration for Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation 1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt Tel: +(202) 3337 3616 +(202) 3760 3155 Fax: +(202) 3337 4195 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com">enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</a>
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