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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 7 October 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Egypt.

Water and natural resources

This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 209/2026 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 1589 for "General standard for bottled/ packaged drinking waters (other than natural mineral waters)" (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).

It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 503 /2023 (2 pages in Arabic) which was formerly notified in [G/SPS/N/EGY/144](#), dated 4 April 2024, mandated among others the earlier versions of this Egyptian Standard.

Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with modification with Codex standard CXS 227-2001, adopted in 2001, amended in 2019.

It is worth noting that this standard has been partially modified as follows:

- Item No.3/4/1/5 Radiation Properties "test" (Alpha activity(α)) The maximum Permissible limit (Bq/l) to be (0.5).

Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian Standard through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.

Date of adoption: 21/9/2026.

Date of entry into force: The day following the date of publication in the official gazette.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ 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
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 December 2026

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