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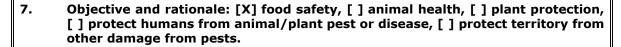
## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: EGYPT
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Organization for Standardization and Quality
- 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): Food products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by Egyptian Standards related to some food products. **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2
- **6. Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the following Egyptian Standards:
  - 1. ES 336-1 "Carbonated Beverages Part 1: General (partial amendment)" which has been formulated according to National Studies and its updates. It has been partially modified in the following items:
    - Deletion of clause 3/4/3, Salmonella in 25 ml;
    - Item 5/2/1 adds to the name of the product 'is a carbonated drink' according to item (2/1), and if fruit juice is added to less than 10% of the product, this information may be added to the data ('natural fruit juice is added'). If fruit juice is added to more than 10% of the product, it is called a 'carbonated drink carbonated water (soda water)' according to item (2/2);
  - 2. ES 416-1 "Biscuits and Methods of Analysis and Testing Part 1: Biscuits", which is identical to GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits;
  - ES 1522 "Frozen meat" which is technically identical to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;
  - 4. ES 2613-2 which partially modifies the shelf life for dairy and its products which are refrigerated at a temperature not exceeding 5°C (especially Labneh) from 4 months to 6 months. This standard has been formulated according to National Studies and its updates; and
  - 5. ES 154-5 "Milk and Dairy Products Part 5: Natural Butter" which is technically identical to Codex Standard No 279-1971 for butter. Formerly Codex Standard A-1-1971. Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018.

Furthermore, the Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 cancels ES 154-6 for "Milk and Milk Products Part: 6 Local - Natural Buffalo Butter".

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



- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Standard NO 279-1971, Codex Standard for butter. Formerly codex standard A-1-1971. Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018
  - [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
  - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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:
  - Ministerial Decree No. 100 /2019
  - GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits
  - (EEC) No 2377/90
  - Codex Standard NO 279-1971 for butter. Formerly Codex Standard A-1-1971.
    Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 7 February 2019Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 6 March 2019
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 March 2019
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 September 2019

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