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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Organization for Standardization and Quality
<b>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):</b> Food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> 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. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the following Egyptian Standards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deletion of clause 3/4/3, Salmonella in 25 ml;</li><li>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);</li></ul></li><li>ES 416-1 "Biscuits and Methods of Analysis and Testing Part 1: Biscuits", which is identical to GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits;</li><li>ES 1522 "Frozen meat" which is technically identical to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;</li><li>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</li><li>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.</li></ol> <p>Furthermore, the Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 cancels ES 154-6 for "Milk and Milk Products Part: 6 Local - Natural Buffalo Butter".</p> <p>Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.</p>

<b>7.</b>	<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.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> 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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministerial Decree No. 100 /2019</li> <li>- GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits</li> <li>- (EEC) No 2377/90</li> <li>- 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</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 7 February 2019</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 6 March 2019</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 March 2019</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><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): 6 September 2019</p> <p><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:</p> <p>Central Administration for Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation 1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt Tel: +(202) 333 76 589           +(202) 374 90 805 Fax: +(202) 374 90 805 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</p>
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