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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> The National Food Safety Authority
<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
<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> Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No.1/2020 on Issuance of Technical Regulations Governing Issuance of Validity Certificates for Food Exports. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This decision regulates the Validity Certificate issued by the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), upon the request of the competent authority in the importing country, or the exporter of food consignments, in the form and format agreed upon and in accordance with the rules and procedures provided for in the Decision.  NFSA may verify the extent to which exported food consignments fulfil the food safety requirements of importing countries and other procedures and mechanisms provided for in the provisions of this Decision.  The purpose of this Decision is to simplify the process of issuing Export Validity Certificates and related documentation and to prevent the use of fraudulent certificates. In addition, it expedites the clearance process while meeting the importing country requirements.  The certification acts as an assurance that the exported Egyptian food products comply with the applicable standards and requirements at the country of destination as requested.  Worth mentioning is that this decision complies with international Guidelines.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance, and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001).</li><li>- Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20-1995).</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food (CAC/GL 25-1997/2016).</li> <li>- Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 26-1997).</li> <li>- Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 34-1999).</li> <li>- Guidelines on the Judgment of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 53-2003).</li> <li>- Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CAC/GL 60-2006).</li> <li>- Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Importing and Exporting Countries to Support the Trade in Food (CAC/GL 89-2016).</li> </ul> <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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Decision of The Board Of Directors of The National Food Safety Authority No.1/2020</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 29 January 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 17 February 2020</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 February 2020</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</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: <a href="mailto:enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com">enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input 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: <a href="mailto:enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com">enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</a></p>