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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: The National Food Safety Authority
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 and products in contact with food.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority(NFSA) No.2/2020 on the Registration of Conformity Assessment Bodies Issuing Certificates of Inspection and Conformity for imported Food Consignments. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 6
6. Description of content: This decision establishes a mechanism for the registration of Conformity Assessment Bodies that issue certificates of inspection and conformity for food consignments imported into Egypt. This decision organises the registration requirements and procedures, enforcement, technical and financial obligations of the Conformity Assessment Bodies required to conduct valid pre-shipment inspection. Moreover, this decision allows the Chairman of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) to conclude Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding with International and Regional Authorities and Bodies on mutual recognition of food safety control systems to provide the required level of protection. This measure will reduce the time of inspections at the border and accelerate the release time of the food consignments imported into Egypt, while ensuring credibility in the issued certificates. Worth mentioning is that this decision complies with international Principles and guidelines.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Principles and guidelines for national food control systems (CAC/GL82-2013).- Principles and guidelines for monitoring the performance of national food control systems (CXG91-2017).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for the design, operation, assessment and accreditation of food import and export inspection and certification systems (CAC/GL 26-1997) - Guidelines for food import control systems (CAC/GL 47-2003). - Principles for food import and export inspection and certification (CAC/GL 20-1995). <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Decision of The Board Of Directors of The National Food Safety Authority No.2/2020.</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 29 January 2020 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 17 February 2020</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 February 2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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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