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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: The National Food Safety Authority of Egypt (NFSA)
- 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:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** The Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) No. 10 of 2021 regarding the Provisions of Recognition of the Control System applied by the Exporting Country Competent Authorities in the context of Imported Food Control. **Language(s):** Arabic and English (unofficial translation). **Number of pages:** 17

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6. Description of content: This decision regulates conducting an overall or partial assessment of the food control system performed by the Exporting Country Competent Authority (ECCA) with a view to assessing the system's effectiveness in the context of concluding equivalence or mutual recognition agreements.

This decision allows for verifying that the ECCA food control system is science-based and attains food safety objectives aligned with NFSA's food safety and quality requirements.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 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 Alimentarius Commission (CAC) Guidelines for Food Import Control Systems (CAC/GL 47 – 2003)
 - Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20 1995)
 - Principles and Guidelines for The Exchange of Information Between Importing and Exporting Countries to Support The Trade in Food (CAC/GL 89 – 2016)
 - Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Imports and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 34 – 1999)
 - Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 26 - 1997)

- Guidelines for the Assessment of the Competence of Testing Laboratories Involved in the Import and Export Control of Food (CAC/GL 27 – 1997)
- Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 53 – 2003)
- [] 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:
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 November 2021

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 19 December 2021

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 December 2021
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 August 2022

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