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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: Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality

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- 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): MRLs of pesticide residues in food and feed
- 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. 244/2016 regarding the Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides in Food and Feed Language(s): Arabic Number of pages: 14
- **Description of content:** The Ministerial Decree repeals (139) Egyptian standards concerning the maximum residue limits of pesticides. It mandates the use of the Maximum Residue Limits listed in the Codex database "Codex Pesticides Residues in Food" issued by Codex Alimentarius Commission.

In case the Codex database does not include a certain value of Pesticides Residues or a certain agriculture product, the values listed in the EU pesticides database issued by the European Commission shall be used. If the European Commission has no adopted values, the tolerance values determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall apply.

In case of the absence of the allowed maximum pesticide residue limit values for any agricultural crop or product, the maximum pesticide limit values of the nearest group of agricultural crops or products shall be used in the same sequence mentioned above.

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:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codes standard or related text)
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquation Animal Health Code, chapter number)
	[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]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:
	<ul> <li>Ministerial Decree No. 244/2016</li> <li>Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database:</li> <li><a href="http://www.codexalimentarius.org/standards/pesticide-mrls/en/">http://www.codexalimentarius.org/standards/pesticide-mrls/en/</a></li> </ul>
	– EU pesticides database:
	http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides- database/public/?event=pesticide.residue.selection&language=EN
	- United states Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):
	http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-
	idx?c=ecfr&sid=5d35d354cc838eb105a733f5dff13ab8&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40cf 180 main 02.t
11.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 19 March 2016
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2016
	Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 April 2016
	[ ] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 October 2016
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