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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality
 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website
 addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments
 regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Chemical products.
- **5. Title**, **number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** ES No.328 for Ball point pens and refills (19 pages, in Arabic).
- 6. **Description of content:** EOS has amended the Egyptian mandatory standard No. 328 concerning ball point pens and refills. This standard is concerned with the requirements and test methods for all dry ink pens made of plastic or metal with smooth, tapered, spherical, solid ending where the ink filled inside the tubes or packaged within the body itself and pens with zippers. This standard applies to the pens of one tube or more and applies to pens and tubes for general and documentary use.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety and consumer protection
- 8. Relevant documents:
 - Ministerial Decree No. 423 2005;
 - ISO 12757 1/1998 "Ball point pens and Refills "Part 1: General use;
 - ISO12757 -2/1998 "Ball point pens and Refills" Part 2: Documentary use.
- 9. Proposed date of adoption:

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 60 days as of circulation (from the date of the notification)

11. Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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