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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

<b>1. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u></b> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Motadarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504 E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:tbteos@eos.org.eg">tbteos@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a>  <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Ceramic tiles (91.100.20)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 691 for the year 2015 mandating the application of the Egyptian Standard ES: 3168-2/2015 "Ceramic Tiles Part (2): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tile" (37pages, in Arabic) to replace Egyptian Standards ES:3168-2/2005, ES:3168-3/2005, ES, ES:3168-5/2005, ES:3168-6/2005 already mandated by Ministerial Decree no. 423/2005.
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Ministerial Decree mandates that the producers and importers of dry pressed ceramic tiles must comply with ES 3168-2/2015. Producers and importers are given a transitional period of six months to abide by the standard.  This standard replaces Egyptian standards ES:3168-2/2005 Ceramic Tiles – Part (2): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $E \leq 0.5\%$ – Group BIa, ES:3168-3/2005 Ceramic Tiles – Part (3): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $0.5\% < E \leq 3\%$ – Group BIb, ES: 3168-4/2005 Ceramic Tiles – Part (4): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $3\% > E \leq 6\%$ – Group BIIa, ES 3168-5/2005 – "Ceramic Tiles – Part (5): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $6\% > E \leq 10\%$ – Group BIIb, ES:3168-6/2005 Ceramic Tiles – Part ( 6 ): Dry Pressed Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $E > 10\%$ – Group BIII already mandated by Ministerial Decree no 423/2005.  This Egyptian Standard specifies the requirements and marking for dry pressed ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality. It is technically identical with modifications with ISO 13006/2012 Annex from (G) to (L).The modifications are mentioned in Annex (4) of this Standard.

<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety requirements
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ISO 13006 / 2012</li><li>• Ministerial Decree no. 691/2015</li><li>• Ministerial Decree no. 423/2005</li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 September 2015 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 6 November 2016
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of the notification
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Address: 16 Tadreeb El-Motadarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt Tel: (+202) 22845528 Fax: (+202) 22845504 E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:tbt@eos.org.eg">tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a>