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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 16 Tadreeb El-Motadarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo, Egypt E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/tbteos@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.eg/ Tel.: +20-222845528 Fax: +20- 222845504 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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milk and milk products for retail sale• Preserved and dried fruits for retail sale• Oils and fats for retail sale• Chocolates and food products containing cocoa for retail sale• Sugar confectionaries• Pastas and prepared foods from cereals and bread products and pastries• Fruit juices for retail sale• Natural and mineral water and aerated water• Beauty and make-up products, preparations for oral or dental hygiene, personal deodorants and antiperspirants, and perfumed preparations• Soap and washing preparations used as soap for retail sale• Floor coverings• Cutlery and kitchen utensils• Baths, shower baths, sinks, washbasins, bidets, lavatory pans, seats and covers• Toilet Paper and similar paper, babies and sanitary napkins• Refractory bricks, blocks, tiles for household use• Tableware glass articles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron and steel bars and rods • Household electrical appliances (stoves, fryers, air conditioners, fans, washing machines, blenders and heaters) • Home and Office furniture • Bicycles, motorcycles and those with auxiliary motors • Watches and clocks • Lightening equipment for household use • Toys
<p>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No.991 /2015 (3 pages, in Arabic)</p>
<p>6. Description of content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Ministerial Decree mandates that the clearance of shipments of imports of the above mentioned products except for what is imported for private and personal use, is subject to the following alternatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative 1: The producer is registered in the Egyptian organization for Export and Import control (GOEIC) according to Article 94 of Ministerial Decree no. 770 for year 2005 and its amendments issuing the Executive Regulation to Implement the Import and Export Law. • Alternative 2: The shipment is accompanied by documented and accredited inspection and review certificate containing the shipment data and the required inspection and testing results stipulating the conformity of the shipment with the relevant accredited Egyptian standards. This certificate should be issued by accredited inspection companies accredited by one of the accredited bodies from the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). • Alternative 3: The inspection and review certificate can also be issued by an Egyptian or foreign agency approved by the Minister of Foreign Trade and has accredited and specialized laboratories in the tests required for each product. • In all cases, shipments shall be subject to random inspection by GOEIC. • Dealing with pre-shipment inspection companies or agencies will be suspended for six months in case of non-conformity of the inspection certificates with the results of the random inspection. In case of recurrence, dealing with those companies will be revoked by a decision of the Minister of Foreign Trade. • This Ministerial decree is an addendum to serial no.5 in Annex 3 of Ministerial Decree no. 770 for year 2005 and its amendments issuing the Executive Regulation to Implement the Import and Export Law.
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Quality assurance to prevent deceptive practices and to protect human health or safety.</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial Decree no. 991 for the year 2015 • Ministerial Decree no. 961 for the year 2012 • Ministerial Decree no. 770 for the year 2005
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 30 December 2015 Proposed date of entry into force: 31 December 2015</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification</p>

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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