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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-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo - Egypt E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/eos.tbt@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.eg Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504 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): ICS: (97.180) Miscellaneous domestic and commercial equipment, ICS: (97.190) Equipment for children.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 478/2018 (3 pages, in Arabic), mandating the Egyptian standard ES 8165 "Writing and marking instruments - Specification for caps to reduce the risk of asphyxiation" (14 pages, in Arabic).
6. Description of content: The Ministerial Decree No. 478/2018 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8165 which specifies requirements to reduce the risk of asphyxiation from caps for writing and marking instruments. It relates to such instruments which in normal or foreseeable circumstances are likely to be used by children up to the age of 14 years. This standard is not applicable to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing and marking instruments which are designed or only intended for use by adults, e.g. jewellery pens, expensive fountain pens, professional technical pens;• transit caps for refills. Worth mentioning is that this standard is identical with ISO 11540/2014.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Health, safety requirements

8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministerial Decree No. 478/2018.• ISO 11540/2014.
9. Proposed date of adoption: 27 May 2018 Proposed date of entry into force: 24 June 2018
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
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