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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo – Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:eos.tbt@eos.org.eg">eos.tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504  <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>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Terracotta building products (ICS code(s): 91.100.25)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian standard ES 41-1 for "vitrified clay liner plates part 1: specification"; (5 page(s), in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 41-1 that establishes the criteria for the acceptance of vitrified clay liner plates used to protectively line or face pipe, culverts, abutments, structures, or appurtenances. Linear plates manufactured shall be known as curved linear plates or flat linear plates. These plates shall be manufactured from fire clay, shale, surface clay, or a combination of these materials that, when formed into liner plates and fired to suitable temperatures, yield a product that is strong, durable, serviceable, and free of objectionable defects. The absorption of liner plates shall not exceed 6%. The liner plates shall be subjected to acid resistance test. These liner plates shall be uniformly vitrified throughout their thickness and have a homogeneous structural texture.  Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of ASTM C479-2017(2022)
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety requirements; Quality requirements
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023</li><li>• ASTM C479-2017(2022)</li></ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 18 December 2023 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 5 January 2024
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>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-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo- Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:eos.tbt@eos.org.eg">eos.tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504