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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 29 May 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

**Title:** The Egyptian Standards ES 718,612 for "Blended Tobacco For Cigarettes" (8 pages in Arabic) (partial amendment).

Reason for Addendum:	
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**Description:** Products covered: Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS code: 65.160)

This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 143 /2024 (1 page, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standards ES 718,612 for "Blended Tobacco For Cigarettes" (8 pages in Arabic) (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).

It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No.130/2005 (11 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/1 dated 14 December 2005 and the Ministerial Decree No. 1001/2017 (2 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.3 dated 10 January 2018 mandated among others the earlier versions of this Standard.

Worth mentioning is that these standards have been partially modified in the following items:

- item (3) Definitions - Adding a new definition" Tobacco moisture: The percentage by weight of the volatile fraction of tobacco when dried for 16 hours at a temperature of 100°C").

<sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

- item(5) Packaging and Labelling - change item (5/2) to be "The trade name on the package"
- item (5) – adding new item (5/8) "The trade name is written on the cigarette in Arabic or any other foreign language".

Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.

Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.

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**Date of entry into force:** 22 May 2024

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