WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** EGYPT
	If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	**Agency responsible:**
	The National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) 110 Kasr Alaini Street, Cairo, Egypt. Tel: 27933493 Tel: 27933497 Fax: 27933496 Email: info@nfsa.gov.eg Website: www.nfsa.gov.eg
	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):** Food; Food products in general (ICS 67.040)
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) No. 6/2020 on Rules Governing Food Import Licensing. (6 page(s), in Arabic)
6.	**Description of content:** This Decision regulates the procedures and requirements to obtain a license to import food into the Arab Republic of Egypt. This measure is necessary to ensure the safety and compliance of imported food. In addition, this decision lays down the administrative and financial obligations of the food importers, the enforcement measures and the responsibilities of NFSA. This decision has provided a six months transitional period for currently operating food importers to obtain the stipulated license and be registered at NFSA in order to ensure the smooth flow of trade and avoid any trade disruptions. This measure will enhance the clearance procedures of imported food consignments by requiring the importers to verify the application of the relevant preventive measures by foreign suppliers, as well as the ability to ensure optimum traceability of products. Moreover, NFSA has issued this decision to enhance its ability to control and evaluate food importers and ensure their compliance with the food safety requirements. Moving forward, the history of food importers' compliance with requirements will be an essential pillar of assessing the risk of imported food consignments. These new rules will have an impact on the protection of the consumer against the risks associated with imported food.

7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Food safety**.**; Other
8.	**Relevant documents:** CAC/GL 47-2003
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** 25 June 2020 **Proposed date of entry into force:** 17 July 2020
10.	**Final date for comments:** NA
11.	**Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Address: 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 NFSA: English https://www.nfsa.gov.eg/Images/App_PP/DeskTop/App_Web/1/MyWebMedia/PDF/decisions_en/DecisionNo.6of2020(2)(11).pdf Arabic https://www.nfsa.gov.eg/Images/App_PP/DeskTop/App_Web/1/MyWebMedia/PDF/%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%87%D9%8A%D8%A6%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%A9%20%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%BA%D8%B0%D8%A7%D8%A1%20%D8%B1%D9%82%D9%85%206%20%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%86%D8%A9%202020%20%D8%A8%D8%B4%D8%A3%D9%86%20%D9%82%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%20%D8%AA%D9%86%D8%B8%D9%8A%D9%85%20%D8%AA%D8%B1%D8%AE%D9%8A%D8%B5%20%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%8A%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%AF%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%BA%D8%B0%D8%A7%D8%A1.pdf