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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

Notifying Member: EGYPT

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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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): Cheese (ICS 67.100.30)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Ministerial Decree No. 611/2020 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 8390 "General Standard for Cheese" (9 page(s), in Arabic)
- **Description of content:** The Ministerial Decree No. 611/2020 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8390 "General Standard for Cheese" (9 pages, in Arabic).

Moreover ES 8390 cancels and supersedes the following:

- ES No. 1007-1/2005 "Hard Cheese Part One: General Standard for Hard Cheese".
- ES No. 1008-1/2005 "Soft Cheese Part One: General Standard for Soft Cheese".
- ES No. 1183/2005 "General Standard for Semi Hard Cheese"

It should be noted that the Egyptian Standards ES No. 1007-1/2005, ES No. 1008-1/2005 and ES No. 1183/2005 that were mandated by the Ministerial Decree No. 515/2005 (10 pages, in Arabic) were formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/2 dated 14 December 2005.

Worth mentioning is that ES 8390 is technically identical with modification with CXS 283-1978 Formerly CODEX STAN A-6-1973. Adopted in 1973. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2018.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Human health and consumer protection; Other

8. Relevant documents:

- Ministerial Decree No. 611/2021.
- Codex Stan. No. 283-1978, Amendment 2018.
- Ministerial Decree 515/2005.
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** 4 December 2020

Proposed date of entry into force: 15 January 2021

- 10. Final date for comments: N/A
- 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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