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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): Sacks. Bags (ICS 55.080)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Ministerial Decree No. 610 /2020 (4 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 3043 "Plastics sacks for household waste collection - Types, requirements and test methods" (43 page(s), in Arabic)
6. Description of content: The Ministerial Decree No. 610 /2020 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 3043. This standard specifies the general characteristics, test methods and requirements for sacks, bags and bin liners, made from plastic films, used for household waste collection, or household selective waste collection including collection of biodegradable waste for organic recycling (biodegradation and composting). For the purpose of this Standard biodegradable and compostable sacks, including ties if any, are those which comply with EN 13432. It applies only to sacks, bags and bin liners for which the first use is for household waste collection, or household selective waste collection. Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with EN 13592/2017.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements; Protection of the environment, Quality requirements; Other

8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EN 13592/2017• Ministerial Decree No. 610 /2020.
9. Proposed date of adoption: 4 December 2020 Proposed date of entry into force: 15 January 2021
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
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