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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 October 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Eqypt</u>.

Title: The Egyptian Standard ES 465-3 for "cocoa and its products part 3: chocolate " (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).

Reason for Addendum:	
[]	Comment period changed - date:
[X]	Notified measure adopted - date: 7 September 2024
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[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 3 October 2024
[]	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
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[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ :
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
[]	Other:

Description: Products covered: (ICS: 67.190) Chocolate.

This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No.447 /2024 (2 page, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 465-3"cocoa and its products part 3: chocolate " (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).

It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 395 /2022 (2 pages in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/328 dated 6 September 2022, mandated among others the earlier version of this Egyptian Standard.

Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical to CODEX STAN 87 - 1981 standard for chocolate and chocolate products, adopted in 1981, Revision in 2003, Amendment in 2016.

Worth mentioning is that this standard is (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic): cancelling the item no. 5/2/3 "In case that permitted artificial sweeteners (sugar substitutes) are used, the

¹ 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.

approval of the competent authorities is required. The Registration number should be reflected on the label".

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

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Date of entry into force: 3 October 2024

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