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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 29 January 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Egypt</u>.

Title: The Egyptian Standard ES 8757 for "soil improvers - biochar "

Reason for Addendum:	
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[X]	Notified measure adopted - date: 18 December 2023
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Description: Products covered: Fertilizers (ICS code(s): 65.080).

This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8757 for "soil improvers - biochar"; (18 page(s), in Arabic).

It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/369 dated 13 October 2023.

Worth mentioning is that this standard complies with the following:

- (IBI) Standardized Product Definition and Product Testing Guidelines for Biochar that is used in Soil.
- Guidelines for a sustainable production of biochar.

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

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.

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