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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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:

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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 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Domestic safety (ICS code(s): 13.120); Electric heaters (ICS code(s): 97.100.10)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) mandating The Egyptian standard ES 7286 for "Household and similar electrical appliances Particular requirements for heated carpets and for heating units for room heating installed under removable floor coverings".; (894 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7286 which deals with the safety of:
 - Portable heated carpets;
 - Heated carpets and similar appliances;
 - Heating units to heat the room in which they are located and that are intended to be installed directly under materials used as a removable floor covering such as carpet, cushion vinyl, or loose laid laminate,

Their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances.

Attention is drawn to the fact that

- In many countries different wiring rules apply;
- For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft,

additional requirements can be necessary;

• In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national authorities for fire protection, the national authorities for building regulations, the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60335-2-106:2021

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements.; Quality requirements
- 8. Relevant documents:
 - Ministerial Decree No 499 /2023
 - IEC 60335-2-106/2021
- Proposed date of adoption: 18 December 2023
 Proposed date of entry into force: 5 January 2024
- 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:

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