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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo – Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:eos.tbt@eos.org.eg">eos.tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504  <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Wood, sawlogs and sawn timber (ICS code(s): 79.040); Construction of railways (ICS code(s): 93.100)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 8741-2 for "wooden sleepers for railway track part: 2 - application on wooden sleepers and bearers"; (20 page(s), in Arabic)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Ministerial Decree No. 502/2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8741-2 which defines wood species, quality requirements, origin, manufacturing conditions, forms, dimensions and tolerances as well as the durability and preservation of wood sleepers and bearers for use in railway tracks. It does not cover specific finishing processes which may be required by the customer. It does not apply to other track timbers.  Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with EN 13145:2001+A1: 2011
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> safety requirements; Quality requirements

<p><b>8. Relevant documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministerial Decree No. 502/2023.</li><li>• EN 13145:2001+A1:2011.</li></ul>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 18 December 2023 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 5 January 2024</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
<p><b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Address: 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo- Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:eos.tbt@eos.org.eg">eos.tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504</p>