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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> General Organization for Veterinary Services Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation 1, Nady El Saed St. Dokki Telefax: (202) 37481763 Email: <a href="mailto:quarantine@govs.gov.eg">quarantine@govs.gov.eg</a> <a href="mailto:Egypt26@gmail.com">Egypt26@gmail.com</a> <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 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 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> Food Products.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Decision No. 1 of the year 2023 of the General Organization for Veterinary Services on the Regulating Procedures for Registration of companies granting international conformity certificates for Halal food; (15 page(s), in Arabic)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The General Organization for Veterinary services (GOVS) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR) issued its decision No.1 of 2023 on the Regulating Procedures for Registration of companies granting international conformity certificates for Halal food(Halal certification bodies). The main elements of the decision include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The procedures for registering companies that issue Halal conformity certificates for food products at GOVS.</li><li>• The obligations of the companies that issue the Halal conformity certificates.</li><li>• The role of the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS) in examining whether the companies meet the registration requirements or not.</li><li>• The financial obligations.</li><li>• The registration period.</li></ul>

<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide Egyptian consumers the assurance that the imported products meet the Halal requirements.</li><li>• Facilitate trade by recognizing internationally accredited Halal certification bodies.</li></ul>
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <p>Decision of the General Organization for Veterinary Services No. 1 of 2023.</p>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 3 December 2023 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 4 December 2023
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<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>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>