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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. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo - Egypt E-mail: moi@idsc.net.eg / tbteos@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.eg Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504 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 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Halal products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 561/2012 (2 pages, in Arabic)
6. Description of content: Ministerial Decree No. 561/2012 mandates that the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS) is the sole body that is responsible for licensing production companies to affix Halal mark on commodities and products in the light of Egyptian standards issued in this regard
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the consumer clearly the status of the products regarding Islamic Sharia • Providing relaxation and confidentiality to the Islamic consumer • Ensuring that food does not contain anything that is not conformed to Islamic Sharia • Prohibiting any confusion or debate regarding the produced products • Providing continuous support and strategic marketing for Halal products • Halal mark is voluntary used for products exported abroad
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES 4249/2008 on General Requirements and Provisions for Stating the Phrase Halal in Food Data Label • CAC(GL) 24/1997 amendment 99
9. Proposed date of adoption: 4 July 2012 Proposed date of entry into force: The day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of 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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