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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

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
<p>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</p> <p>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:</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:</p>
<p>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Building units</p>
<p>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 537 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 1292-1/2015 for "Concrete Masonry Units – Part 1: Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units" (12 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree no. 423/2005.</p>
<p>6. Description of content: This Ministerial Decree provides producers and importers a transitional period of six months to comply with the modified Egyptian Standard ES 1292-1/2015 for "Concrete Masonry Units – Part 1: Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units"(12 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree no. 423/2005.</p> <p>This Egyptian Standard is concerned with hollow and solid concrete masonry units made from hydraulic cement, water, and mineral aggregates with or without the inclusion of other materials. There are three classes of concrete masonry units: (1) normal weight, (2) medium weight, and (3) light weight. These units are suitable for both load bearing and non-load bearing application.</p> <p>It is in conformity with ASTM C 90/2011 – Standard Specification for Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements</p>

8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM C 90/2011 – Standard Specification for Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units• Ministerial Decree no. 537/2015• Ministerial Decree no. 423/2005
9. Proposed date of adoption: 21 July 2015 Proposed date of entry into force: The day following the date of publication in the official gazette
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of the notification
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