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Report Name: Egypt Notifies Another Postponement of Halal Dairy Certification Requirement Until October 1 2023

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Report Highlights:

On June 16, 2023, Egypt notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a new halal requirement and procedure for food products via a Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) addendum notification. The notification postpones the halal certification requirement on imported milk and dairy products until October 1, 2023.

EGYPT'S SIXTH NOTIFICATION ON DAIRY HALAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

On June 16, 2023, the Government of Egypt (GOE) issued a WTO/TBT addendum (Annex 1) extending the requirement for halal certification of imported milk and dairy products until October 1, 2023. This is the sixth addendum filed by the GOE to the WTO regarding milk and dairy halal certification since December 2021 (see: [GAIN EG2023-0001Egypt Extends the Implementation of Halal Certification on Milk and Dairy Product until April 1 2023](#)).

Although the certificates are not technically required per the notification, Post industry contacts report that importers continue to present the certificates. They are also reporting that they are not paying any halal certification fees for imported milk and dairy products.

Post encourages U.S. suppliers and shippers to remain in close contact with Egyptian importers for the latest updates on halal certificate requirements.



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NOTIFICATION
Addendum

The following communication, dated 15 June 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

Title: Requirements for the importation of meat, poultry and their products, milk and dairy products applied by the General Organization for Veterinary services (GOVS) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR).

Reason for Addendum:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date: 30 September 2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date:
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Requirements for the importation of meat, poultry and their products, milk and dairy products applied by the General Organization for Veterinary services (GOVS) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR).

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

Description: Products covered : Milk and Dairy Products.

This addendum concerns the extension of the time period during which imports of milk and dairy products that are not accompanied by a Halal certificate are allowed to enter into Egypt .The time period has been extended till September 30 , 2023 (date of arrival at Egyptian ports) as a trade facilitating measure.

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