

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** Egypt's Prime Minister Waives Halal Certification Fees for Milk and Dairy Products Until October 1 22 - Halal Certification Requirement Still in Question

**Country:** Egypt

**Post:** Cairo

**Report Category:** Agricultural Situation, Agriculture in the News, FAIRS Subject Report, Special Certification - Organic/Kosher/Halal

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**Report Highlights:**

On March 14, 2022, under the Egyptian prime minister's direction, the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS) distributed a letter with instructions for its veterinary posts across the country. The instructions state that all milk and dairy products could enter Egypt without a halal certificate. However, another letter was distributed on March 16, 2022, stating that milk and dairy products are permitted to enter Egypt with a certificate, but no fees will be applied until October 1, 2022. Post is working with the GOE authorities to clarify if the certificate requirement will stand. What is clear for now is that no fees will be charged for halal certification until October 1, 2022.

On March 14, under the Egyptian prime minister's direction, the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS) distributed a letter of instructions to its veterinary posts across the country (attached Arabic annex 1 and English - unofficial translation – annex 2). The instructions state that all milk and dairy products are permitted to enter Egypt without a halal certificate. The instructions are valid and applicable until October 1, 2022; this resulted from a recommendation during a special committee convened by the Prime Minister on March 8, 2022. However, on March 16, GOVS issued a clarification letter (attached Arabic annex 3 and English - unofficial translation – annex 4), declaring that only the fees will be waived until October 1, 2022.

Contacts reported that starting March 1, 2022, they began to pay for halal certificates. However, these contacts report certificates are now required, but no fees are being charged.

What will happen after October 1, 2022 remains unclear. The draft halal standard that has been developed by the Egyptian Organization for Standardization (EoS) has yet to be approved or notified. ([See: GAIN - EG2022-0005 Updates on Egypt's Halal Requirements](#)) Post sources report that they should convene again to discuss the EU comments on the draft standard, however, when this will be finalized is unclear to the whole committee.

The committee will convene again to discuss international comments on the Halal draft standard. It is still unclear even to the committee members when the draft will be finalized, but Post will continue to provide updates through the GAIN system on any new developments.

Annex 1: GOVS letter - March 14, 22

Arabic

Arab republic of Egypt  
Ministry of Agriculture and land Reclamation  
General organization for Vet. Services

جمهورية مصر العربية  
وزارة الزراعة واستصلاح الارض  
الهيئة العامة للخدمات البيطرية

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السيد / مدير عام الإدارة العامة للحجر البيطري شرق الدلتا وسيناء  
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تحية طبية وبعد...

تنفيذا لتوجيهات السيد الدكتور / رئيس مجلس الوزراء في اجتماع لجنة الازمات المنعقد بتاريخ ٢٠٢٢/٣/٨ الخاص بالسماح بدخول واردات الحليب ومنتجات الالبان غير المصحوبة بشهادة حلال الى مصر.

يرجى الافادة بانه تم الموافقة على مد المهلة الخاصة بتطبيق قواعد منتجات حلال علي الحليب ومنتجات الالبان حتى ١ اكتوبر ٢٠٢٢ .

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وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام ،

تحريراً في : ٢٠٢٢/٣/١٤

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Annex 2: Unofficial translation - GOVS letter - March 14, 22

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Ministry of agriculture and Land Reclamation  
The General Organization for Veterinary Services

Mr./ Director general of veterinary directorate Cairo and Bastien  
Mr./ Director general of veterinary directorate Alexandria and Saloum  
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Mr./ Director general of veterinary directorate Upper Egypt and Red Sea

Enforcing the Prime Minister's directives at the crisis committee meeting held on March 8, 2022, regarding allowing the entry of milk and dairy products that are not accompanied with a halal certificate to Egypt. Please note that, it has been approved to extend the timeframe related to the application of the rules of halal products on milk and dairy products until October 1, 2022.

Please be aware and advise of taking the necessary measures,

**Date: March 14, 2022**

Head of the Central Administration  
of Veterinary Quarantine and Inspection,

Dr. Wafaa Mamdouh

**Annex 3: Clarification letter, March 16, 22**

## Arabic

Ministry of Agriculture & Land Reclamation  
General Organization For Veterinary Services

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تحية طيبة وبعد،،،،،

**إيضاح**

إيضاحاً لما سبق تعميمه بخصوص مد المهلة الممنوحة لرسائل الألبان المستوردة.

- يرجى التنبيه علي أن المهلة الممنوحة من أول أكتوبر ٢٠٢١ والتي تنتهي في ٢٨ فبراير ٢٠٢٢، تم مدها إلي أول أكتوبر ٢٠٢٢ بنفس الشروط فيما يخص الرسوم المستحقة بإصدار شهادات الحلال اللازم ورودها مع مستندات الرسائل الواردة طبقاً للشروط الواردة بالموافقات الاستيرادية الصادره في هذا الشأن.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الإحتراء والتقدير،،،،،

تاريخ: ٢٠٢٢/٣/١٦

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### **Clarification**

For further clarification of what has been previously circulated on extending the deadline for imported dairy cargo,

Please note that deadline extended from 1 October 2021 until 28 February 2022 has been extended until 1 October 2022 with the same conditions on the due fees of issuing the necessary halal certificate that should be included with the documents of incoming cargo in accordance with the conditions set out on import approvals in this regard.

**Date: March 16, 2022**

Head of the Central Administration  
of Veterinary Quarantine and Inspection,

Dr. Wafaa Mamdouh

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.