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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Egypt  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The National Food Safety Authority of Egypt (NFSA) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Food |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The National Food Safety Authority Board of Director Decree No 1 of 2021 on Binding technical rules of microbiological criteria for foodstuffs.**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 123 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The present decision sets out binding technical rules of microbiological criteria for a specific group of microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, viruses, parasites) and their executive rules that food establishments operators shall comply with when applying public health measures, and the National Food Safety Authority is committed to ensure the extent of compliance with the stipulated rules and criteria. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * Codex Standards: CAC, 1997; ICMSF, 2002 * CAC/GL 63-20 Principles and guidelines for the conduct of Microbiological Risk Management (MRM)   **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 March 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 31 March 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2021  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 December 2021  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Central Administration for Foreign Agricultural Relations  Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation  1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt  Tel: +(202) 333 76 589  +(202) 374 90 805  Fax: +(202) 374 90 805  E-mail: enq\_egy\_sps@yahoo.com |
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