NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** EGYPT**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality |
| **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):** Sugar and sugar products |
| **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:** Ministerial Decree No. 503 /2023.**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 503 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 358-1 "Refined sugar and white sugar and methods of analysis - part: 1 refined sugar and white sugar" (10 pages, in Arabic). |
| **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 Standard CXS 212, adopted in 1999. Amended in 2019**[****]** **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 December 2023**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 January 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 January 2024**[****]** **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 June 2024**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 RelationsMinistry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, EgyptTel: +(202) 333 76 589 +(202) 374 90 805Fax: +(202) 374 90 805E-mail: enq\_egy\_sps@yahoo.com |
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