NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Egypt**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** 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):** Food 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. 100/2019 that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by Egyptian Standards related to some food products.**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the following Egyptian Standards:1. ES 336-1 "Carbonated Beverages - Part 1: General (partial amendment)" which has been formulated according to National Studies and its updates. It has been partially modified in the following items:
* Deletion of clause 3/4/3, Salmonella in 25 ml;
* Item 5/2/1 adds to the name of the product 'is a carbonated drink' according to item (2/1), and if fruit juice is added to less than 10% of the product, this information may be added to the data ('natural fruit juice is added'). If fruit juice is added to more than 10% of the product, it is called a 'carbonated drink – carbonated water (soda water)' according to item (2/2);
1. ES 416-1 "Biscuits and Methods of Analysis and Testing Part 1: Biscuits", which is identical to GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits;
2. ES 1522 "Frozen meat" which is technically identical to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90;
3. ES 2613-2 which partially modifies the shelf life for dairy and its products which are refrigerated at a temperature not exceeding 5ºC (especially Labneh) from 4 months to 6 months. This standard has been formulated according to National Studies and its updates; and
4. ES 154-5 "Milk and Dairy Products Part 5: Natural Butter" which is technically identical to Codex Standard No 279-1971 for butter. Formerly Codex Standard A-1-1971. Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018.

Furthermore, the Ministerial Decree No. 100/2019 cancels ES 154-6 for "Milk and Milk Products Part: 6 Local - Natural Buffalo Butter".Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette. |
| **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 NO 279-1971, Codex Standard for butter. Formerly codex standard A-1-1971. Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018**[ ]****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:** * Ministerial Decree No. 100 /2019
* GSO Standard No. 989/2016 for Biscuits
* (EEC) No 2377/90
* Codex Standard NO 279-1971 for butter. Formerly Codex Standard A-1-1971. Adopted in 1971. Revised in 1999. Amended in 2003, 2006, 2010, 2018
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| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 February 2019**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 March 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 March 2019**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 September 2019**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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