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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg/tbteos@eos.org.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg/tbteos@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Office furniture – Office work chair
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 537/2015 (2 pages, in Arabic) on the modified Egyptian Standard ES 495-2/2015 "Office Furniture – Office Work Chair – Part 2 : Safety Requirements" (12 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition ES 495-2/2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 134/2014.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Ministerial Decree provides producers and importers a transitional period of six months to comply with the modified Egyptian standard ES 495-2/2015 "Office Furniture – Office Work Chair – Part 2: Safety Requirements".  This Egyptian standard is to determine the safety requirements for the purpose of office chairs – set operating requirements for 8 hours a day, weighing up to 110 kilograms. For the purpose of hard working conditions additional requirements are added.  It complies with BS /EN 1335-2/2009 Office Furniture – Office Work Chair – Part 2: Safety Requirements.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety requirements
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BS/EN 1335-2/2009 – Office Furniture – Office Work Chair – Part 2: Safety Requirements</li><li>• Ministerial Decree No. 537/2015</li><li>• Ministerial Decree No. 134/2014</li></ul>

<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 21 July 2015 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 12 August 2015
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of the notification
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Address: 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt Tel: (+202) 22845528 Fax: (+202) 22845504 E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg/tbt@eos.org.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg/tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a>