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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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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:

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Vegetables and fruits products
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 132-2 /2015 "Preserved Tomato Products – Part 2 Tomatoes Packed" (14 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005.
- 6. **Description of content:** This Ministerial Decree provides producers and importers a transitional period of six months to comply with the modified Egyptian Standard ES 132-2 /2015 "Preserved Tomato Products Part 2 Tomatoes Packed" (14 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has been already mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005.

This standard complies with Codex Standard No. 13/2013. It specifies the essential requirements and descriptive criteria for preserved tomatoes which is described in clause (2) from this standard which is intended for direct consumption including retail purposes or repackaging if necessary.

This Standard also applies to the product when it is indicated as being intended for further processing. The Standard does not include dried tomatoes and preserved tomatoes containing other vegetables such as pepper and onions in quantities that materially alter the flavour, aroma and taste of the tomato component.

 Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Health and consumer protection

8. Relevant documents:

Codex Standard No. 13/2013
Ministerial Decree No. 536/2015
Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005

9. Proposed date of adoption: 21 July 2015

Proposed date of entry into force: 12 August 2015

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of the notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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