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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

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: The National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) 110 Kasr Alaini Street, Cairo, Egypt. Tel: 27933493 Tel: 27933497 Fax: 27933496 Email: info@nfsa.gov.eg 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): Food |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) No. 1/2020 on Issuance of Technical Regulations Governing Issuance of Validity Certificates for Food Exports. (4 page(s), in Arabic) |
| 6. | Description of content: This decision regulates the Validity Certificate issued by the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), upon the request of the competent authority in the importing country, or the exporter of food consignments, in the form and format agreed upon and in accordance with the rules and procedures provided for in the Decision. NFSA may verify the extent to which exported food consignments fulfil the food safety requirements of importing countries and other procedures and mechanisms provided for in the provisions of this Decision. The purpose of this Decision is to simplify the process of issuing Export Validity Certificates and related documentation and to prevent the use of fraudulent certificates. In addition, it expedites the clearance process while meeting the importing country requirements. The certification acts as an assurance that the exported Egyptian food products comply with the applicable standards and requirements at the country of destination as requested. Worth mentioning is that this decision complies with international Guidelines. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Food safety and consumer protection; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |

8. Relevant documents:

- Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. 1/2020.
- Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance, and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001).
- Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20-1995).
- Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Countries on Rejections of Imported Foods (CAC/GL 25-1997/2016).
- Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 26-1997).
- Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements Regarding Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 34-1999).
- Guidelines on the Judgment of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems (CAC/GL 53-2003).
- Principles for Traceability/Product Tracing as a Tool within a Food Inspection and Certification System (CAC/GL 60-2006).
- Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information between Importing and Exporting Countries to Support the Trade in Food (CAC/GL 89-2016).

9. Proposed date of adoption: 29 January 2020

Proposed date of entry into force: 18 February 2020

10. Final date for comments: NA

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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