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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): Furniture
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 535/2015 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating Egyptian Standard ES 1993/2015 "The Blockboard and Laminboard" (20 pages, in Arabic)
- **Description of content:** This Ministerial Decree mandates that the producers and importers must comply with ES 1993/2015 "The Blockboard and Laminboard". It gives producers and importers a transitional period of six months.

This standard is to determine the technical requirements of wood panels for the blockboard and laminboard used for general purposes – and it includes manufacturing, sampling methods and conditions of acceptance and rejection and test methods.

It is worth mentioning that this standard complies with ISO 13609:2014.

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements
- 8. Relevant documents:
  - ISO 13609: 2014
  - Ministerial Decree No. 535/2015
- 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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