NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Egypt  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Egyptian 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):** Instant coffee |
| **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. 219/2021 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 8448 "Instant Coffee".**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 1 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 219/2021 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8448 "Instant coffee" which is concerned with the basic requirements and descriptive criteria for the following coffee products: Instant coffee and Decaffeinated instant coffee.  This standard does not apply to both concentrated liquid coffee extract, and coffee-based products (such as cappuccino, etc.).  It should be noted that this standard cancels and replaces the requirements for instant coffee contained in Egyptian Standard ES No. 517, 1474-1/2005 "Updated 2014". |
| **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:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****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:** ISO 3509/2005 (confirmed in 2018), ISO 10470/2004 (confirmed in 2017) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 May 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 June 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 June 2021  **[****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)*:** 18 January 2022  **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 Relations  Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation  1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt  Tel: +(202) 333 76 589  +(202) 374 90 805  Fax: +(202) 374 90 805  E-mail: enq\_egy\_sps@yahoo.com |
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