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):** Cereals, pulses and derived products |
| **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. 503 /2023.**Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 503 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 1251-1 "Wheat flour with its different extraction and methods of analysis and testing part: 1 wheat flour with its different extractions" (partial amendment in 2 pages, in Arabic).  It is worth mentioning that the partial amendments in ES 1251-1 "Wheat flour with its different extraction and methods of analysis and testing - part 1" is concerned with the following:   * Add new item No. 2/3/8 "Wheat flour extract 85%: It is wheat flour that is 50% free of red tooth and fine and coarse germs"; * Modify item No. 3/12 Ash percentages according to extraction calculated on dry weight; * Modify item No. 4/7 remainder after sieving. |
| **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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 December 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 January 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 January 2024  **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 June 2024  **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](mailto:enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com) |
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