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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

1.	Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Motadarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504 E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg / tbteos@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.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): Ceramic tiles (91.100.20)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 692 for the year 2015 mandating the application of the Egyptian Standard ES: 3168-3/2015 "Ceramic Tiles Part (3) Extruded Ceramic Tile" (48 pages, in Arabic) to replace Egyptian standards ES 3168-7/2006, ES 3168-8/2006, ES 3168-9/2006, ES 3168-10/2006, ES 3168-11/2006, ES 3168-12/2006.
6.	Description of content: This Ministerial Decree mandates that the producers and importers of extruded ceramic tile must comply with ES 3168-3/2015. Producers and importers are given a transitional period of six months to abide by the standard. Egyptian Standard ES: 3168-3/2015 "Ceramic Tiles Part (3) Extruded Ceramic Tile" (48 pages, in Arabic) to replace Egyptian standards ES: 3168-7/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (7): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $E \leq 3\%$ (GROUP AI), ES 3168-8/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (8): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $3\% < E \leq 6\%$. (Group AIIa – PART 1) , ES 3168-9/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (9): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $3\% < E \leq 6\%$ (Group AIIa – Part 2), ES 3168-10/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (10): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $6\% < E \leq 10\%$ (Group AIIb – Part 1), ES 3168-11/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (11): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $6\% < E \leq 10\%$ (Group AIIb – Part 2), ES 3168-12/2006 Ceramic Tiles Part (12): Extruded Ceramic Tiles With Water Absorption $E > 10\%$ (Group AIII). This Egyptian Standard specifies the requirements and marking for extruded ceramic tiles of the best commercial quality. This standard is technically identical with modifications of ISO 13006 / 2012 Annex from (A) to (F) and Annex (M)). The modifications are mentioned in Annex (4) of this Standard.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISO 13006 / 2012• Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 15 September 2015 Proposed date of entry into force: 6 November 2016
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: Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Address: 16 Tadreeb El-Motadarrebeen St., Ameriya Cairo – Egypt Tel: (+202) 22845528 Fax: (+202) 22845504 E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/tbt@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.eg