NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Egypt**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo – EgyptTel: +(202) 228 45 528/522/224 Fax: +(202) 228 45 504E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/tbteos@eos.org.egWebsite: <http://www.eos.org.eg/> |
| **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):** Water of natural resources |
| **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. 1309/2017 mandating Egyptian Standard ES1588 on "Potable Bottled Natural Mineral Water". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 12 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Decree No. 1309/2017 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by Egyptian Standard ES1588 which is concerned with the essential and hygienic requirements, microbiological characteristics and methods of inspection and testing of potable bottled natural mineral water. |
| **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:****[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**CODEX STAN 108-1981, Adopted 1981. Amendment 2001, 2011. Revisions 1997, 2008 "Natural mineral water"**[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X] 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)*:** 15 October 2017**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 November 2017 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 24 November 2017**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 April 2018**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 RelationsMinistry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, EgyptTel: +(202) 333 76 589  +(202) 374 90 805 Fax: +(202) 374 90 805E-mail: enq\_egy\_sps@yahoo.com |
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