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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 E-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/tbteos@eos.org.eg Website: http://www.eos.org.eg Tel.: +(202) 22845528 Fax: +(202) 22845504 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): Vegetables and fruits products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 132-1/2015 "Preserved Tomato Products Part – 1 Tomato Concentrates" (11 pages, in Arabic) that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005.
6. Description of content: This Ministerial Decree provides producers and importers a transitional period of six months to comply with the modified Egyptian standard ES 132-1/2015 "Preserved Tomato Products Part – 1 Tomato Concentrates" which supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has been already mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005. This standard complies with Codex Standard No.57/2007 for Tomato Concentrates. It specifies the essential requirements and descriptive criteria that applies to the tomato concentrates (processed and natural preserved tomato concentrates) as defined in clause 2 of this Standard, and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. This Standard also applies to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. The Standard does not include products that contain seeds and skins such as "pizza toppings" and other "homestyle" products as well as products commonly known as tomato sauce, chilli sauce, and ketchup, or similar products which are highly seasoned products of varying concentrations containing characterising ingredients such as pepper, onions, vinegar, etc., in quantity that materially alter the flavour, aroma and taste of the tomato component.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Health and consumer protection
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Codex Standard No. 57/2007 for Tomato Concentrates• Ministerial Decree No. 536/2015• Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005
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: 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