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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo – Egypt E-mail: <a href="mailto:eos@idsc.net.eg">eos@idsc.net.eg</a> / <a href="mailto:eos.tbt@eos.org.eg">eos.tbt@eos.org.eg</a> Website: <a href="http://www.eos.org.eg">http://www.eos.org.eg</a> Tel.: + (202) 22845528 Fax: + (202) 22845504  <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS code(s): 65.160)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree No. 498 /2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian standard ES 8734 for "general requirements for places to display, sell and store alternatives to traditional cigarettes - electronic cigarettes - e-liquid"; (9 page(s), in Arabic)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Ministerial Decree No. 498 /2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8734 which is concerned with the prerequisites and the availability of places that display and sell electronic cigarettes which are considered as alternatives to traditional candy.  Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety, quality requirements and human health.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministerial Decree No. 498 /2023</li><li>• National Studies</li></ul>
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 18 December 2023 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 5 January 2024

10. **Final date for comments:** 60 days from 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:**

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