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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> 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): Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. 248/2025 that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 1008-4 "Soft cheese - part 4: karish cheese". Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: This standard specifies the basic requirements and descriptive characteristics for Karish cheese, together with the methods of examination and testing. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ 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): ☒ 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: - National Food Safety Authority Board of Directors decision No. 1/2021, the mandatory technical regulation of microbiological criteria for foodstuffs and its amendments - ES 1008-4 /2005
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2025 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The day following the date of publication in the official gazette. [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 November 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] 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) 3337 3616 +(202) 3760 3155 Fax: +(202) 3337 4195 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com
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