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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: EGYPT

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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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 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Paper products (ICS code(s): 85.080)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Ministerial Decree No. 144 /2024 (1 page, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 1230 for "Cigarette paper" (9 pages, in Arabic) (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).
- **Description of content:** The Ministerial Decree No. 144/ 2024 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 1230 which specifies the requirements of automatic cigarette tobacco rolling papers and methods of inspection and test.

Worth mentioning is that this standard has been partially modified in the following item:

-Item (4) Essential Requirements – change item (4/2) to be "The basic weight of cigarette rolling paper should not exceed 50 g/m2 (excluding the weight of the filter and its wrapper in the case of cigarettes equipped with a filter"

Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Health, consumer protection and safety.
- 8. Relevant documents:

Ministerial Decree No. 144 /2024

9. Proposed date of adoption: 22 April 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 22 May 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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