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Report Name: Egypt Further Extends Deadline for Halal Dairy Certification Requirements

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Report Highlights:

On August 8, 2023, the Government of Egypt filed a sixth addendum to the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) -- G/TBT/N/EGY/313/Add.6 -- extending the requirement for halal certification for imported milk and dairy products until December 31, 2023. This deadline has been extended several times already.

GENERAL INFORMATION

On August 8, 2023, the Government of Egypt (GOE) filed a sixth addendum to the WTO's TBT Committee (i.e., G/TBT/N/EGY/313/Add.6) extending the requirement for halal certification for imported milk and dairy products until December 31, 2023. This deadline has been extended several times already.

This WTO notification comes after the August 6, 2023, publication of Egyptian standard [ES: 429/2023 General Requirements on Halal Food According to Islamic Sharia](#) (available for purchase online). The standard covers the general requirements during all stages of the production process of halal food, in accordance with Islamic Shariya. The standard notably does not include milk and dairy products. This WTO notification, however, implies that the GOE is still considering certifying dairy products as halal regardless of the scope of the standard.

FAS/Cairo encourages U.S. suppliers and shippers to remain in close contact with their Egyptian importers for the latest updates on halal certificate requirements.

RELATED REPORTS

- [EG2023-0014: Egypt Notifies Another Postponement of Halal Dairy Certification Requirement Until October 1 2023](#)
- [EG2023-0007: Egypt Halal Certification Uncertainties Remain for Dairy Products](#)
- [EG2023-0001: Egypt Extends the Implementation of Halal Certification on Milk and Dairy Product until April 1 2023](#)
- [EG2022-0021: Egypt Notifies New Halal Requirements and Procedures for Food Products](#)
- [EG2022-0008: Egypt's Prime Minister Waives Halal Certification Fees for Milk and Dairy Products Until October 1 22 - Halal Certification Requirement Still in Question](#)

Attachments:

[Egyptian WTO Notification -- EGY313A6.pdf](#)