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**Report Highlights:**

The government of Egypt has yet to publish or notify an official statement regarding the application of halal certification on dairy past the April 1 deadline. However, the industry reports that another extension from fees has been granted for as much as a year.

The last official communication from the Egyptian government on Halal was on December 20, 2022, when the Government of Egypt (GoE) issued a fourth World Trade Organization (WTO)/Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) addendum notifying an extension of halal certificates requirements. That extension was granted until April 1, 2023, for milk and dairy products.

To date, Egypt has not issued an official statement nor notified the WTO of any extensions. However, Post contacts and the industry report that shipments are currently clearing. While these shipments are not being charged halal fees, contacts report that certification is now required. Again, there has been no official notification covering fee or certification for dairy products. Post continues to work with the Egyptian government to seek clarification.

Furthermore, there is no clear guidance from GoE on who is now the responsible authority mandated to regulate halal-related issues. Historically, the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS) has been the responsible authority and the entity referenced in the WTO for halal notifications. Nevertheless, GOVS has not been actively engaged in halal discussions with Post or other foreign representations.

Post encourages suppliers and shippers to keep in close contact with their Egyptian importers for the last updates.

**Attachments:**

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