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**Report Name:** Egypt Renews its Shelf Life Extension for Another Year

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 2, 2022, Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry (MTI) signed Decree No. 393/2022. The decree renewed an earlier decision that extended the shelf-life validity period for imported frozen fish from six to nine months and of frozen beef liver from seven to ten months. The decree is valid for one year and expires June 30, 2023 (see APPENDIX I – Unofficial English Translation).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Trade issued decision 393/2022 extending the validation of previous decrees extending beef liver and fish shelf life. This decision, unlike the previous decisions that were valid six months, is valid for a term of one year or until June 30, 2023.

The initial decision to extend the shelf life period for these products was made in April 2020 to support food supply availability and facilitate trade amid the COVID-19 pandemic (see: [GAIN Report Number: EG2020-0020 Egypt Relaxes Shelf-Life Requirements for Frozen Fish and Beef Liver](#)).

The [Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality](#) (EOS) continues to be the agency responsible for the determination of shelf life periods in Egypt, until further notice.

## APPENDIX I – UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Minister of Trade and Industry, Decree No. 393/2022

Reviewing Law No. 2/1957, for Standardization, and Premised on:

- Law No, 21/1958, for Regulating, Fomenting and Modifying Industry
- Presidential Resolution No. 392/1979, for Regulating the Egyptian general organization for standardization and quality of production
- Presidential Resolution No. 83/2005, for amending the title of the Egyptian General Organization for Standardization and Quality of Production to become the Egyptian General Organization for Standards and Quality
- Presidential Resolution No. 420/2005, for the Organization of the Ministry
- Presidential Resolution No. 269/2018, for Government formation and it's Amending
- Ministerial Decree No. 179/1996, for Commitment of Production to Egyptian Standards
- Ministerial Decree No. 515/2005, for Commitment of Production to Egyptian Standards and Complementary Decisions
- Ministerial Decree No. 385/2006
- Ministerial Decree No. 434/2008
- Ministerial Decree No. 209/2020
- Minster of Supply letter No. 23151 of December 13, 2020
- Director of the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality letter of June 29, 2022

Resolve:

### Article (1):

Pertaining to the validity date (shelf-life) of frozen fish and frozen (beef) liver, imported as per Egyptian Standard No. 2,613-2/2008, its duration, and enforced through Decrees Nos. 285/2006 and 434//2008, it is determined that duration for frozen fish to be nine-months and for frozen liver to be 10-months from slaughter.

**Article (2):**

This decree is valid from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

**Article (3):**

This decree to be published in the official gazette, entering into force on the date of its publication.

**Minster of Trade and Industry, Neveen Gamea**

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.