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# **Report Name:** Egypt Extends Shelf-Life Requirements for Frozen Fish and Beef Liver for a Third Time

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# **Report Highlights:**

On July 15, 2021, Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry (MTI) signed Decree No. 322/2021. 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 until December 31, 2021 (see APPENDIX I – Unofficial English Translation).

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#### **G**ENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Trade has issued decision 322/2021 extending the validation of the decree No. 653/2020 decision extending beef liver and fish shelf life. The decision is valid for six months or until December 31, 2021 (See: <u>GAIN Report Number: EG2020-0020 Egypt Relaxes Shelf-Life Requirements for Frozen Fish and Beef Liver</u>).

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

The <u>Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality</u> (EOS), continues to be the agency responsible for the determination of shelf-life periods in Egypt, until further notice.

Appendix 1

# Decision Minster of Trade and Industry No. 322 Year 2021

#### Minster of Trade and Industry

After reviewing the Law no. 2 of the year 1957 on Standardization

Law No.21 of the year 1958 on Regulating and Encouraging Industry and its updates,

Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 392 of the year 1979 on Regulating the Egyptian Public Organization for Standardization and Production Quality,

Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 83 of the year 2005 on Amending the name of Regulating the Egyptian Public Organization for Standardization and Production Quality, to be the Egyptian Organization for Standardization,

Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 420 of the year 2005 regulating the Ministry,

Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 269 of the year 2018 on Government Formation and amendments thereto,

Law No.179 of the year 1996 on The Mandatory Production According to the Egyptian Standards Specification,

Law No.515 of the year 2005 on The Mandatory Production According to the Egyptian Standards Specification and amendments thereto,

Law No.163 of the year 2010 on the Obligation of Production Compliance 1-1601/2010

Law No.285 of the year 2006,

Law No. 434 of the year 2008,

Law No. 209 of the year 2020,

Law No. 653 of the year 2020,

The correspondence of the Minster of Supply and Internal Trade dated: June 22, 2021 – Regarding the request of extending the validity of decision number 653 for year 2020 issued December 30, 2020.

The Correspondence of Head of Egyptian Organization of Standardization dated June 30, 2021

# Decided

# (Article 1)

Approved to extend the validity of decision number 653 for year 2020, for six more month starting July 1, 2021, until December 31, 2021.

### (Article 2)

This decision to be published in the Official Gazette (Al-Waqae Al-Misriyya).

Minster Trade & Industry Neven Gamae

#### Attachments:

No Attachments.