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Report Highlights:

The National Food Safety Authority continues to develop standards and procedures regulating food safety in Egypt. On June 2, 2021, the National Food Safety Authority Board of Directors approved mandatory technical regulations on the permissible residue levels of pesticides for food of plant and animal origin. On July 7, 2021, the decision was published in the national official gazette and entered into force the day after publication. The decision covers domestic, imported, and exported food products, however it does not cover pesticide registration procedures. The ministerial committee of agriculture pesticides affiliated with the Ministry of Agriculture is still the sole authority responsible for the registration. Their committee is also responsible for classifying high hazard pesticides by conducting risk assessments to identify the impact on human health (pesticide applicator) and environment.

Decision on the Technical Regulations of pesticide residues

On June 2, 2021, the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) Board of Directors approved mandatory technical regulations on the permissible residue levels of pesticides for food of plant and animal origin. The decision was published in the national official gazette on July 7, 2021 and entered into force the day after publication.

The decision stipulates the basic requirements to assess the results of pesticide residue analysis to monitor and control the maximum residue limits (MRL) in food products. In addition, the decision ensures that the MRLs comply with Codex Alimentarius or to other optimal regulations such European Union Commission regulations and tolerances issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The decision includes six annexes:

- Annex I: Specifies list of food products covered.
- Annex II: Identifies the list of pesticides having metabolites or special metabolites according to the residue definition.
- Annex III: List of pesticides with special caveats;
- Annex IV: List of the permissible pesticides in or on food products in Egypt;
- Annex V: List of pesticides on food products that are permitted at MRLs 0.01 mg/kg;
- Annex VI: Maximum permissible limits for highly toxic pesticide residues in infant and follow-up formulas.

The decision covers domestic, imported, and exported products. NFSA shall ensure that exported products MRLs are in compliance with the regulation of the importing country.

The decision also states the rules and criteria necessary to determine if food is safe for consumption with regard to their microbiological residues. Such criteria will apply to all foods, both locally produced as well as imported ingredients and industrial input used in food processing. It will be vital for NFSA to continue establishing a comprehensive food safety system.

Please find attached to this report the Arabic version of the decision and annexes. Post will make the annexes available in English as soon as a translated copy is obtained.

For more information on pesticide registration procedures, please see [section V Pesticides and Other Contaminants GAIN EG 2020-0064 FAIRS Annual Country Report](#) .

Attachments:

[Pesticides Technical Regulation_Published.pdf](#)