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PRIME MINISTER DECREE

# 2992/ 2016

Organizing The Import Of Some Strategic Agricultural Commodities

**Upon reviewing the constitution and all related laws and decrees, it was decided that;**

**Article # 1:**

Strategic Agricultural Commodities meant in this decree are as follow;

1. Wheat grains
2. Corn used for feed industry
3. Soya bean seeds

**Article # 2:**

Importing subject commodities is prohibited unless upon written approval from the General Organization for Exports and Imports Control (GOEIC)

The above requirement do not apply to commodities imported by governmental bodies .

**Article # 3:**

The General Organization for Exports and Imports Control (GOEIC), is the only authorized body to inspect imported Strategic Agricultural Commodities according to the Egyptian standard specifications (# 1601 of year 2010, # 3G4 of year 2005, # 2725 of year 2005), and other specifications and conditions of agricultural quarantine stipulated by ministry of agriculture and land reclamation as annexed to this decree.

**Article # 4:**

The General Organization for Exports and Imports Control (GOEIC), may make annual contracts with international surveillance and inspection companies for pre-shipment inspections to be carried out at countries of shipment for the Strategic Agricultural Commodities intended for import, to verify its compliance with aforementioned specifications and conditions

**Article # 5:**

It is allowed, upon the request of the importer , that the General Organization for Exports and Imports Control (GOEIC), can carry out the pre-shipment inspection at the country of shipment , and the importer to bear all the expenses, and fees as per the relevant decree of the ministry of Trade and industry.

The above inspection do not necessarily replace inspections carried out for these commodities upon arrival in Egypt.

**Article # 6:**

The General Organization for Exports and Imports Control (GOEIC), should appoint enough numbers of agriculture quarantine specialists and relevant decree should be issued for their assignment by the minister of agriculture and land reclamation, for one renewable year, and during their appointment they will be supervised by the GOEIC.

**Article # 7:**

The trade and industry minister, will issue a decree stipulating the conditions and requirements to obtain the import approval, and the formation of visual inspection committees and drawing samples from the imported shipments, and also for all required procedures before and after arrival of the shipments to the Egyptian ports, including procedures for re-inspection and complaining.

**Article # 8:**

Any other decree contradicting to this decree will stand void.

**Article # 9:**

This decree is to be published in the official newspaper, and to be in action starting from 01/01/2017.

All concerned authorities are to follow these directions.

Issued by the prime minister on 13/11/2016.

## EGYPTIAN STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS # 1-1601/2010

The total weight of the following impurities is not to exceed 5%, taking into account that each item not to exceed the following limit:

Impurities	Item #	Maximum allowable limit % weight
Shrinking and broken grains	3/2/1	5
Defective grains	3/2/2	4
Grains infested by parasites	3/2/3	32 grains/100 gm
Other weed seeds (GRAMINEAE, CYNODON DACTYLON)	3/3	1.5
Non organic foreign substance	¾	0.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organic foreign substance</li><li>• Subject that number of grass seeds do not increase (CONVONVULUS ARVENSIS, )</li><li>• Ambrosia weed</li><li>• Subject that subject of animal origin do not increase</li></ul>	¾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1.5</li><li>• 25 seed/ kgm</li><li>• 0.0</li><li>• 0.1</li></ul>
Harmful and/or poisonous seeds, Charred grains, and Ergot	3/5	0.5
Subject that poisonous seeds do not increase	3/5/1	0.05
Ergot	3/5/3	0.05

### **4/3/4 Alpha amylase enzyme activity:**

The Alpha amylase enzyme activity (refer to 3/2/4) to be measured according to ISO 3093, and is expressed as Falling Number, which should not be less than 200 seconds, on basis of 14% moisture.

4/3/5 minimum protein percentage in wheat is 10%, calculated (nitrogen X 5.7) on dry weight basis, to be according to ISO # 20483.