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**Report Highlights:**

Egypt's National Food Safety Agency Decision No. 4/2020 on authorized food additives replaces Ministry of Health Decree 204 (2015) on regulated food additives.

## **DECISION NO. 4/2020**

### **AUTHORIZED FOOD ADDITIVES:**

In September 2020, the Egyptian National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) issued Decision 4/2020 regarding food additives accepted for use by industry. The decision replaces the Ministry of Health's Decree 204 (2015) on regulated food additives.

Decision 4/2020 also lists all concentration levels of acceptable food colors, detailed in document attached. All food additives listed are consistent with Codex guidelines.

The pre-registration with Egypt's Ministry of Health required prior to shipment is no longer valid, as NFSA's decision replaced this decree.

## **APPENDIX I – UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

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### **Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority**

#### **No. 4 of the Year 2020 on Authorized Food Additives**

#### **Board of Directors (BOD)**

After reviewing the constitution,

Law No.48 of the year 1941 on Combating Fraud and Deception,

Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 2 of the year 1957 on Standardization and amendments thereto,

Law No. 21 of the year 1958 on Industry Regulation,

Law No. 10 of the year 1966 on Food Control and Handling Regulation, and amendments thereto,

Decree of the Minister of Health No. 204 of the year 2015 on Food Additives Authorized to be Used in Food Industries and amendments thereto,

Law No. 1 of the year 2017 on the Enactment of the Law on the National Food Safety Authority and Executive Regulations issued by decree of the Prime Minister No. 412 of the year 2019, and

Approval of NFSA/BOD in the session held on 25/6/2020

#### **Decided the following:**

#### **(Article 1)**

The present decision aims to determinate the additives authorized to be used in food handled in the Arab Republic of Egypt in accordance with the food definition set forth in law No. 1 of the year 2017 referred thereto.

**(Article 2)**

Food business operators are prohibited to use any additives other than those additives shown in the tables attached and published on the official website of NFSA, in accordance with what is indicated next to each of the tables attached to this decision.

The structures of the groups and tables No. 1 and 2 attached to this decision or any other annexes are part and parcel of the present decision.

**(Article 3)**

BOD may add, change, amend or delete any of the additives provided for in the tables attached in the light of the international standards in force, including Codex Alimentarius and European legislation, based on the recommendations of the competent committee.

**(Article 4)**

The tables attached to this decision shall be periodically reviewed in accordance with the international standards in force, including Codex Alimentarius and European legislation in order to take the required procedures to update such standards, based on the recommendations of the competent committee.

**(Article 5)**

The chairman of BOD shall issue all the decisions required to implement the present decision, and any other provision contrary to what is stated in the present decision shall be repealed.

**(Article 6)**

This decision shall be published in the Supplement of the Official Gazette (Al-Waqae Al-Misriyya) and shall enter into force on the day following date of publication, and a period of six months shall be granted for adjustment of status from the date of entry into force of the present decision.

Chairman of the Board of Directors

**Dr. Hussein Mansour**

**Dated: 27/6/2020**

**Attachments:**

[Decision 4 Arabic Full Tables.pdf](#)