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Report Name: Egypt's National Food Safety Authority Issues Technical Regulation for the Maximum Residue Levels of Chemical Contaminants in Food

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Report Highlights:

On May 16, the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) issued Decision of Board of Directors No. 6/2022 concerning the binding technical basis for maximum residue levels (MRLs) for chemical contaminants in food, made effective the day following its publication in the Egyptian Chronicles.

DECISION NO. 6/ 2022

The decision covers chemical contaminants in food and introduces maximum residue levels (MRLs). The decision contains 12 articles and five annexes that categorize food groups, chemical containments, MRLs of chemical containments in foods and methods for their testing and detection. The decision is only available in Arabic (attached). Post shall update this report as soon as the English translation is made available.

CHANGES INTRODUCED IN THE NEW DECISION:

It is observed is that the National Food Safety Agency (NFSA) has changed the limit of ergot sclerotia in cereals. The previous limit was set by Egypt's Central Administration for Plant Quarantine at 0.05 percent, while the new regulation issued by NFSA set it at 0.02 percent (0.2 gm/kg), making it more restrictive.

Attachments:

[NFSA new regulations on MRLS Food Contaminants 108.2022 Arabic.pdf](#)