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Report Highlights:

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

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Prime Minister Madboly on January 22, in a press statement said that the Egyptian Organization for Standardization (EOS), an agency of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, will hold a two percent share in ISEGHALAL. However, Egypt's standards authority will not receive any revenue from the joint-stock company's revenue stream.

This decree legitimizes the establishment of IS EG Halal (Edgewater, New Jersey) as Egypt's sole authorized halal certification entity in the United States for food and beverage products exported to Egypt (see [GAIN-EGYPT \(2019-0025\) FAIRS – Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report 2019](#) and [GAIN-EGYPT \(2019-1180\) – Livestock and Products Annual 2019](#)).

As of May 1, 2019, other halal certifiers in the United States are no longer recognized as eligible. Exporters should work closely with their respective importers to ensure that products comply with halal certification requirement.

FAS Cairo understands that this decree is similarly applicable for IS EG Latin America SRL (Montevideo, Uruguay) for the whole of Latin America, including Brazil, and potentially for other origins. Implementing procedures for Decree No. 35/2020 have not been published.

APPENDIX I - Prime Ministerial Decree No. 35 (2020)
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PRIME MINISTERIAL DECREE NO. 35 FOR 2020

The Prime Minister
In Review of the Constitution
And according to:

- Law 159 (1981) - Establishment of joint-stock companies, recommended-stock companies, and limited liability companies;
- Law 127 (2015) - Registration of public officials for the establishment of joint-stock companies;
- Presidential Decision No. 269 (2018) - Cabinet formation and adjustments;
- And the Ministries of Islamic affairs, Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and Trade and Industry recommended and with prior approval of the Cabinet, it is determined:

Article 1

That the Ministries of Islamic Affairs, Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and the General Organization for Export and Import Control (an agency of the Ministry of Trade and Industry) are herewith authorized to establish jointly a company for granting the halal label "ISEGHALAL" according to the joint-stock companies, recommended-stock companies, and limited liability companies law, that will not conflict with the purposes and responsibilities of the aforementioned authorities.

Article 2

This determination is to be published in the official gazette and will enter into force effective its publication date.

January 5, 2020

The Prime Minister
Dr. Mostafa Kamal Madboly

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جمهورية مصر العربية

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الجريدة الرسمية

التمن ٤ جنيهات

السنة الثالثة والستون	الصادر في ١٠ جمادى الأولى سنة ١٤٤١ هـ الموافق (٥ يناير سنة ٢٠٢٠ م)	العدد الأول مكرر (ب)
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قرار رئيس مجلس الوزراء

رقم ٣٥ لسنة ٢٠٢٠

رئيس مجلس الوزراء

بعد الاطلاع على الدستور :

وعلى قانون شركات المساهمة وشركات التوصية بالأسهم والشركات ذات المسؤولية المحدودة الصادر بالقانون رقم ١٥٩ لسنة ١٩٨١ :

وعلى القانون رقم ١٢٧ لسنة ٢٠١٥ بالتسريح مخصص لأشخاص القانون العام بتأسيس شركات مساهمة :

وعلى قرار رئيس الجمهورية رقم ٢٦٩ لسنة ٢٠١٨ بتشكيل الوزارة وتعديلاته :

وبناءً على ما عرضته وزارات الأوقاف والزراعة واستصلاح الأراضي والتجارة والصناعة :

وبعد موافقة مجلس الوزراء :

قرر :

(المادة الأولى)

يرخص لوزارتي الأوقاف والزراعة واستصلاح الأراضي والهيئة العامة للرقابة على الصادرات والواردات بالمساهمة في تأسيس شركة لمنح علامة "الحلال ISEGHALA"، وفقاً لأحكام قانون شركات المساهمة وشركات التوصية بالأسهم والشركات ذات المسؤولية المحدودة المشار إليه ، وذلك بما لا يتعارض مع أغراض الجهات المشار إليها .

(المادة الثانية)

يُنشر هذا القرار في الجريدة الرسمية ، ويُعمل به من تاريخ نشره .

صدر برئاسة مجلس الوزراء - في ١٠ جمادى الأولى سنة ١٤٤١ هـ

(الموافق ٥ يناير سنة ٢٠٢٠ م) .

رئيس مجلس الوزراء

دكتور / مصطفى كمال مديبولي

Attachments:

No Attachments.