On 17th November 2011, the Egyptian Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade issued two decrees 626/2011 and 660/2011 regarding new import regulations for Textiles, Garments, Carpets, Footwears and Bags.

Exporters/Importers trading with Egypt need to comply with these requirements by obtaining a Certificate of Inspection (CoI) from an approved, independent, third-party inspection company against Egyptian sanctioned standards in order for their goods to clear Customs. Failure to do so can result in severe delays in goods clearance, penalties or even shipments being returned.
The requirements for Col include:

- Regulated product consignments have to be verified for compliance to relevant EOS (Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Control) sanctioned standards and essential requirements. The compliance verification process will involve physical inspection of the consignment and if necessary, sample selection for testing purposes.
- The Certificate of Inspection (Col) must be issued by an approved, independent, third-party inspection company such as Intertek prior to shipment.
- The Certificate of Inspection is required to ensure smooth Customs clearance of shipments through Egypt Customs at all Egypt ports and border entry points.
- The Col confirms that the products comply with the relevant Egyptian technical regulations and approved standards.
- Additional details of the procedure and a full list of Regulated Products currently requiring a Certificate of Inspection are available at www.intertek.com/government

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Intertek has experience in providing solutions to businesses exporting a wide range of products to Egypt. We have undertaken more assessments of more products for longer than any other organisation.

- Intertek has a global network of offices that have operated Shipment Certification programmes for many years, issuing over 1.5 million certificates and test reports.
- Our staff are experts on Egyptian standards and requirements as well as understanding the needs of exporters and importers.
- Intertek has one of the world’s largest networks of laboratories, authorised to test to Egyptian requirements including textiles, garments, footwear and many others.
- Intertek is fully committed to supporting Governments in achieving their sustainability targets by protecting their environment from unsafe and poor quality goods.
- Intertek is qualified, in line with the Ministerial requirements, to review and analyze shipments in conjunction with applicable Egyptian Standards and issue a Col that will be formally recognised by Egypt Customs Authorities.
- Intertek can provide a tailor-made service that meets your particular needs, including:
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  - Automated e-mails for status of certificates
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