

EGYPT NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

# EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES EGYPT NFSA

## OVERVIEW

Exporters/Importers trading in Food and Food Contact Material Products with the Arab Republic of Egypt need to comply with the requirements of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) in order to clear their Consignments by NFSA Officials on its arrival at the Egyptian Ports/Borders. NFSA was established by the Egypt parliament in January 2017 with the mission to protect the health and safety of the Egyptian consumers by ensuring that food products consumed, distributed, marketed or produced in Egypt meet the highest standards of food safety and hygiene and as part of this mission NFSA took over the management, administration and responsibility of all imported food consignments into Egypt.

NFSA has introduced a Food Consignment Certification Programme through registered CABs (Conformity Assessment Body) wherein food consignments are verified for conformity to Egyptian Standards requirements by the CABs and issued with a Certificate of Inspection (CoI). Food and Food Contact Material consignments arriving at the Egyptian Ports and Borders with a CoI issued by an NFSA registered CAB would benefit from a reduced level of inspection at destination and would be cleared through a fast track channel.

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### List of Regulated Food and Food Contact Material Products

Consignments issued with a Certificate of Inspection by an Approved Conformity Assessment Body such as Intertek may be eligible to benefit from a reduced destination intervention based on the overall good's release pathway implemented by NFSA.

Intertek is registered with NFSA to issue Col for the following regulated products from various NFSA-approved Countries of Supply:

- Meat and its products
- Milk and dairy products
- Poultry and its products
- Nuts
- Cereals and their products
- Seeds
- Legumes
- Baby food products
- Breakfast Cereal
- Mixed foods
- Beverages and beverages mixes
- Fruit juice
- Energy drinks, alcoholic, carbonated and non-carbonated Drinks
- Non-fruit drinks and malt drinks
- Condiment and mixed condiment
- All kinds of eggs
- Tea and coffee
- Fresh and processed fruits and vegetables
- Fruit concentrates, nectars and juices
- Pastries
- Honey
- Biscuits, Cakes, Snacks, Energy Bar
- Food Contact Materials
- Spices and mixed Spices
- Herbs
- Mixed soup and cubes
- Bottled drinking water, Mineral water
- Sugar products
- Flour
- Edible fats and oils
- Substitutes for fats and their various mixtures
- Food Flavours and Flavour Enhancers
- Salt
- Food additives
- Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Sauces Preparations
- Vinegar, and Vinegar substitutes, Baking powder
- Yeast, Special ingredients
- Chocolate and cocoa-containing products
- Fish and aquatic products
- Special Nutritional Food and Nutritional Supplements
- Baked goods
- Ready-to-eat food products and packaged food
- Instant food mixes and ready-to-cook foodstuffs



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### Egypt NFSA Requirements

Products shall meet the requirements of Egypt Food Law, Standards and Regulations.

#### Food Import Licence

Food Importers in Egypt shall obtain a Licence from NFSA in line with the regulation of Food Imports to Egypt. The Licensed Company will be listed in NFSA website under the "White List".

#### Food Safety Laws, Regulations and Standards

In absence of Food Safety Standards published by NFSA, products shall comply with the Egyptian standards published by EOS (Egyptian Organization for Standardization). In the absence of an Egyptian standard for the product, then compliance to International standard such as the ISO or Codex Alimentarius is required.

#### Marking and Labelling Requirements

The Labelling guidelines for food products are as per the Egyptian standard ES 1546 and are applicable for all food products

All labelling and marking information if written in a foreign language such as English language, must also be written in the Arabic language.

#### Shelf Life Requirements

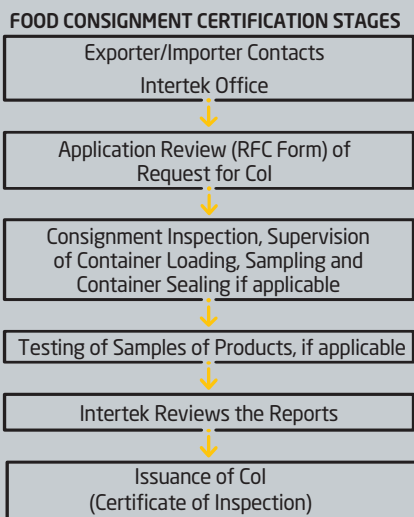
Expiration period for food products must comply with the Egyptian standard ES 2613-1. Products arriving at the Egyptian Ports/Borders must meet the minimum remaining shelf life .

#### Halal: Import Requirements and Pre-Requisites

- **Product Label:** The following must appear on the label of poultry, meat and milk products: "Slaughtered according to the Islamic ritual" or other requirements stipulated by IS EG Halal.
- **Halal Certificate:** Imports of meat, poultry and their products, milk and dairy products (except for raw milk) shall be accompanied by a Halal Certificate. The Exporter must obtain a Halal Certificate certifying that the animals and products were processed according to Islamic religious requirements and as per the conditions stated in the Egyptian Standard **ES 4249 General Requirements on Halal Food according to Islamic Sharia.**
- **Slaughterhouse and Facilities:** Slaughterhouses and factories/facilities of meat, poultry and their products shall be approved and registered at the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS). These slaughterhouses and factories/facilities must be certified by a certification body approved by GOVS (currently IS EG Halal). Slaughterhouses and factories/facilities can register through the IS EG Halal website ([www.iseghalal.com](http://www.iseghalal.com)).
- **Import Permit:** An Import Permit shall be acquired from the GOVS. Halal Certificate, among other requirements, shall be available for Import Permit Issuance. Other conditions pertaining to the Import Permit are stipulated under Decree No. 47 of 1967 (Egypt Veterinary Quarantine Regulation).



## CERTIFICATION PROCESS



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The Col Fee details are as follows:



SN	CONSIGNMENT FOB VALUE (USD)	FEES (USD)
1	0 to USD 60,000	600
2	USD 60,001 - 100,000	800
3	USD 100,001 - 200,000	1,500
4	USD 200,001 - 500,000	2,500
5	USD 500,001 and above	3,500

**NOTES:**

- Exporters applying for the Col are responsible for the fee payment for the product consignment certification services to Intertek.
- The Certification Fees described above does not include the fees for sampling and product testing, container sealing, Inlight registration and supply chain verification. These fees will be separately quoted as required to be performed by Intertek for establishing compliance.

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**Key:**

- NFSA National Food Safety Authority
- RFC Request for Certificate of Inspection
- COI Certificate of Inspection