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**Prime Ministerial Decree  
Number 3992 for the Year 2016**

**Regarding the Import of Some Strategic Agricultural Products**

Prime Minister

- After reviewing the Constitution;
- Law number 10 for the year 1966 regarding Food Control and Regulation of Circulation;
- Agricultural Law issued by Law number 53 for the year 1966;
- Law number 118 for the Year 1975 regarding Import and Export;
- Law number 155 for the Year 2003 regarding the Development of Export;
- Presidential Decree number 1770 for the Year 1971 concerning the establishment of the General Authority for the Control of Exports and Imports;
- Presidential Decree number 106 for the Year 2000 facilitating Testing Procedures and Control of Imported and Exported Goods;
- Prime Ministerial Decree number 1186 for the Year 2003 regarding the Inspection and Control Procedures for Exports and Imports;
- And based on the presentation of the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation and the Minister of Trade and Industry;

**RESOLUTION**

**(Article One)**

Within the provisions of this Decree, the meaning of Strategic Agricultural Products are the imported shipments of the following products:

1. Wheat grain
2. Corn used in the industry of animal feed
3. Soybean seeds

**(Article Two)**

Strategic Agricultural Products may not be imported except after obtaining an export approval from the General Authority for Control of Exports and Imports.

The provision of the aforementioned paragraph does not apply on the import of these products on behalf of the competent authorities authorized to import such products

**(Article Three)**

The General Authority for Control of Exports and Imports is the only body authorized to inspect the imported shipments of strategic agricultural products according to the Egyptian Standard Specifications number (1601 for the year 2010 – 3C 4 for the year 2005 – 2725 for the year 2005) and other specifications and requirements relative to the agricultural quarantine accredited by the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation attached to the current decree.

**(Article Four)**

The General Authority for Control of Exports and Imports may contract with the International Audit and Inspection Companies on an annual basis to undertake prior inspection at the country of shipment of the Strategic Agricultural Products planned for import to determine the extent of conformity to the specifications and requirements stated in the previous article.

**(Article Five)**

The importer of the Strategic Agricultural Products may request the General Authority for Control of Exports and Imports to undertake pre-examination at the country of shipment and in this case the importer shall bear all expenses and fees for the inspection undertaken by the Authority in accordance to the rules issued by decree by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

This inspection does not necessarily replace inspection and the port of arrival

**(Article Six)**

A sufficient number of specialized technicians in the field of agricultural quarantine should be appointed in the laboratories of the General Authority for Control of Exports and Imports. A decree issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation shall determine and specify their appointment for one year which may be renewed. During their term of appointment they shall be subject to the technical and administrative inspection of the Authority.

**(Article Seven)**

The Minister of Trade and Industry shall issue a Decree determining the conditions for obtaining the importation approval and the formation of an external inspection committee and drawing of samples from the incoming shipments and other obligatory procedures in the two stages prior to and after the arrival of the shipments to the Egyptian ports including the procedures of re-inspection and filing of complaints.

**(Article Eight)**

Any provision contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution is rescinded.

**(Article Nine)**

This resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and is effective as of 01.01.2017, and all competent bodies shall abide by its provisions.

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(S) Prime Minister  
Engineer Sherif Ismail

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**Rectification**

Prime Ministerial Decree number 2992 for the Year 2016 was published in the Official Gazette – issue number 45 (repeated) dated 13.11.2016 organizing the import of some Strategic Agricultural Products.

The attachments relative to the above mentioned decree were inadvertently omitted.

Thus it must be noted.

**Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation**

**Central Administration for Agricultural Quarantine**

**The Technical Control on the Import of Wheat Grain, Corn and Soybean Seeds  
As Important Strategic Agricultural Products for the Country's Provisions**

- First:** Based on the decision of the Prime Ministerial Office in meeting number (47) dated 21.09.2016 regarding allowing the entrance of the Irgot fungus in a ratio that does not exceed the prescribed percentage specified in the Egyptian Standards number (1601-1/2010) whereby the government decided to work according to the 2010 specifications for all contracted and new shipments (concerning imported shipments from abroad and not grinded)
- Second:** Based on decisions number (1/16/09/20) and (1/16/10/9) issued by the Prime Ministerial Office from the special meeting held for solving the problems of the soybean seeds shipments accompanied with the Ambrosia seeds and White Mildew Fungus and the new system for the import of what, corn and soybeans containing the approval of the Prime Ministerial Office on some important points and the governmental bodies authorized to implement these decisions including the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Third:** Since the Egyptian Standards for these strategic crops does not specify a percentage for the Ambrosia seeds, the European Standards number (EC/32/2002) as a criterion for the proportion of the seeds of the Ambrosia weed amounting to 50 ppm (9-10 Ambrosia seeds/Kilogram) as a ratio to allow the entrance of the shipment and the completion of the medical measures according to the phytosanitary standards of the shipment and undertaking all controls and requirements that ensure no leakage in the agricultural soil during discharge in addition to transporting it under custody from ports to factories or warehouses during the process of sifting and manufacture. This is in the shipments containing the seeds of the Ambrosia weed.
- Fourth:** For shipments containing the white mildew fungus, the opinion of the expert researchers in the Institute of Plant Pathology is taken by sifting the shipment to separate the fungus from the seeds either by mechanical separation methods or color separation and the safe disposal of the fungi solid bodies resulting from the sifting process, taking into consideration in the application of the phytosanitary measures the requirements for the transport precautions and handling of these shipments from the port to the factories and warehouses to be followed.