

## EGYPT CURRENT EXPORT CONTROL SYSTEM

The Egyptian Government is working hard to developing its trade policy systems to liberalize trade, and to help accelerate Egyptian integration into the global market. Many important steps have been taken in several areas to simplify procedures to enhancing competitiveness:

- All Egyptian ports has been modernized to implement One – stop – shop / one single window (in Logistics areas) while dealing with foreign trade. All procedures at different ports have been automated, and linked electronically between Customs and GOEIC branches for faster follow-up and decision-making.
- Developing the system and procedures of Inspection and Control of Import and Export by (GOEIC )

The General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) is a service provider, with the principle goal of controlling and organizing trade, and at the same time facilitating trade through eliminating trade impediments, in a way that will encourage traders and increase trade flows.

### GOEIC's activities include:

- The inspection of imported and exported commodities in accordance with relevant laws and regulations (e.g., laws regulating ionized radiations and their risk prevention, food control, agriculture, toxic materials ...), in addition to the optional inspection of commodities upon the request of applicants.
- The issuance of certificates of origin for commodities of Egyptian origin.

**-The keeping of Commercial Registries (Exporters and Importers Registries, Commercial Mediators Registries, Scientific and Consultative Bureau Registries).**

**Initiatives Undertaken by GOEIC to Facilitate Trade :**

- **Restructuring and Human Resources Development at GOEIC .**

- **Integrated Training Centers were established in its main branches, and is equipped with modern technology equipment**

- **Information Technology Projects :**

**GOEIC has an official website ([www.goeic.gov.eg](http://www.goeic.gov.eg)) that is updated continuously. The website contains trade related information and advice, laws, regulations.**

- **Establishment of a Database of Egypt's Foreign Trade**

**To serve a larger group of GOEIC customers. This resulted in providing rapid, complete, and accurate data on the movement of Egypt's foreign trade, issuing detailed statistical reports that benefit traders, Export comities and councils and supported sound and rapid decision-making at the appropriate times.**

- **Establishment of a Trade Services Center to provide advisory services and information in the field of exports and imports, and serve the needs of GOEIC's customers in domestic and international markets.**

- **A Call Centre has been established to reply to complaints and inquiries from GOEIC's customers.**

- **Establishment, Development and Accreditation of the laboratories:**

- **GOEIC has established and developed many of the accredited laboratories in the field of food and industrial testing.**

**-Inspection procedures have been unified under the GOEIC umbrella since 2000 (through Decree No. 106 of 2000).**

**-Inspection and control procedures are all undertaken in one phase, with the participation of all competent authorities according to their laws and regulations.**

**-GOEIC is the only agency to which Customs transmits documents related to import or export shipments and is the only agency that issues the final results of inspections. GOEIC offices include representatives from other authorities responsible for inspection and control procedures.**

**- Only five fresh products are subject to quality control (fresh citrus– fresh garlic – fresh onions – fresh potatoes - fresh peanuts), shall obtain GOEIC’s approval in accordance with rules and procedures concerning exportation of goods. All other products (Agriculture or Industrial) are voluntary to inspect *upon* request by the owners of it.**

**-A Visual inspection is taken for exported goods by exporters whom have a system of quality control and none of his consignments or parts thereof has been previously rejected.**

**- Exporters can export based on international, European, regional, Egyptian, or whatever standards that were agreed upon between the contracting parties.**

**- : A warning shall be addressed to non-conforming exporters in the followingcases:**

**(a) The export of consignments proved non-conforming to terms of contract or toconditions set by the importing country.**

**(b) The export of consignments which have been rejected for sanitary reasons or for their non-conformity to agricultural quarantine standards.**

**(c) The violation of rules and procedures regulating the export and control of exported goods.**

**(d) Presenting incorrect data related to the quantity and price of exported goods.**

**(e) Presenting incorrect data related to exported goods for which an applicationfor a certificate of origin from GOEIC has been filed.**

**- The exporter shall be suspended for a period not exceeding one year in the following cases:**

**(a) Recurrence of any of the violations detailed above.**

**(b) Exporting goods not in conformity with specifications which results in having an adverse effect on the reputation of exports in markets of importing countries.**

**- : Exporters' entries in the exporters' register shall be cancelled in the following cases:**

**(a) Recurrence of any of the violations detailed above.**

**(b) Presenting incorrect data related to exported goods in order to access export incentives.**

**(c) Circumvention regarding with the certificate of origin attached with exports.**

**• The Egyptian ministry of Trade and Industry in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) set up a traceability programme of Agro – Industrial products for the European market .**

**• That programme assists some Farms, Exporters to insure high quality, safety and traceability of fresh produce complying with the international regulations on food safety .**