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EGYPT STAY OF ENFORCEMENT ON INSPECTION CERTIFICATE FOR TEXTILE AND LEATHER PRODUCTS

The General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) announced on 12th July 2012 that the mandatory inspection certificate requirement on imported textile and leather products listed in the Ministerial Decrees No. 626/2011 and 660/2011 has been postponed until 15th September 2012 ¹.

TABLE 1. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REQUIRED INSPECTION CERTIFICATION

MINISTERIAL DECREES NO.	APPLIED PRODUCTS	EXEMPTED PRODUCTS	EFFECTIVE DATE
626/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• textile products• yarns and fabrics used in textile products including apparel• home textile furnishings• carpets	Other textile accessories such as sewing threads, tickets, labels, zippers, elastics, buttons, belts, shoulder pads, etc.	15 th September 2012
660/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• natural leather• synthetic leather• shoes and their parts• bags	---	

According to the imported inspection requirement, all imported textile and leather products listed in the Ministerial Decrees No. 626/2011 and 660/2011 must be accompanied with an inspection certificate issued by a third party inspection company for each shipment or pre-registration with GOEIC by the importers when importing into Egypt ². During the enforcement period, importers can either choose continuing to provide the inspection certificate for product importation which is issued by a third party inspection companies as per decrees or obtain GOEIC customs clearance for import certification as per legislation until 15th September 2012. The inspection certificate issued by an accredited third party is currently accepted by GOEIC, GOEIC will not do the import certification for those importers with valid certification unless importers are not able to provide such certificate.

¹ Official postponed letter (in Arabic)

² Safeguard 055/12

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Product importation from Syrian importers are exempted from the two decrees until 22nd October 2012, Syrian importers can make use of that period of time for "Registration with GOEIC" according to Option 2 of the Certification Schemes ².

The majority of documents published by GOEIC are written in Arabic. SGS will follow up and inform interested parties on the latest developments on this regulation. Throughout our global network of laboratories and offices, we offer high quality testing for textiles, footwear and accessories. For more information, please feel free to contact us or visit our website at <http://www.sgs.com/softlines>.



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