

Law No. (1) of the Year 2017
On the Enactment of the Law on the National Food
Safety Authority





Clause (2)

Food control

NFSA, established under the provision of Article (2) of the attached law, shall solely exercise the competence previously vested in ministries, public organizations, government departments and local administrative units in respect of control of food handling as set forth in the food safety related legislation whenever such competence is mentioned in those laws, regulations and executive decrees, shall prepare proposals for the amendment thereto and shall exercise other competence specified in the attached law.



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Definitions

The following terms shall, in application of the provisions of the present law, have the meanings assigned thereto:

1. "**Competent Minister**" shall mean the Prime Minister.
2. "**Food**" shall mean any product or substance, whether raw, processed, partially processed, semi-processed or unprocessed, which is intended for human consumption, including beverages, bottled water or water added to food, any substance containing water and chewing gum, except for feed, plants and crops before harvesting; live animals and birds before entering slaughterhouses; sea creatures and farm-raised fish before fishing; pharmaceutical products and cosmetics; tobacco and tobacco products; and narcotic substances or psychotropic substances.



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3. **"Food Handling"** shall mean one or more operations of food production, manufacture, offering or displaying for sale, storage, preserving, wrapping, transportation, delivery, importation, exportation, or the licensing or approval for any of these activities.
4. **"CAC"** shall mean Codex Alimentarius Commission which is one of the UN bodies established by way of agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) in 1963. CAC issues food standards and is the WTO reference body in case of disagreement between the member states.



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5. "The Food Safety Related Legislation" shall mean:

- ◆ Law No.48 of the year 1941 on Combating Fraud and Deception,
- ◆ Decree Law No. 95 of the year 1945 on Supply Affairs,
- ◆ Law No. 132 of the year 1950 on Milk and Milk Products,
- ◆ Law No. 453 of the year 1954 on Industrial and Trade Facilities and Other Facilities Causing Annoyance, Harm and Risk to Health,
- ◆ Law No. 684 of the year 1954 Regulating Bread Handling and Transportation,



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- ◆ Law No. 685 of the year 1954 Regulating Meat Transportation,
- ◆ Law No. 44 of the year 1955 on Health Quarantine Procedures,
- ◆ Law No. 257 of the year 1956 Regulating Manufacture and Sale of Iced Products,
- ◆ Decree Law of the President of the Republic No. 33 of the year 1957 on Street Food Vendors,
- ◆ Law No. 10 of the year 1966 on Food Control and Handling Regulation,





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- ◆ Law No. 53 of the year 1966 on the Enactment of the Law on Agriculture,
- ◆ Law No. 118 of the year 1975 on Import and Export,
- ◆ Law No. 4 of the year 1994 on the Enactment of the Law on Environment and
- ◆ Law No. 155 of the year 2002 on Export Development.

Other food safety related legislation may, upon recommendation of NFSA/BOT, be introduced by a decree issued by the Prime Minister.





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NFSA responsibilities

Article (3)

NFSA aims at ensuring that food safety requirements are fulfilled so as to protect human health and safety.

NFSA shall exercise all the required powers and competence and shall in particular:

1. Issue technical regulations governing food safety in accordance with the applicable international standards and in a manner consistent with the national requirements and such regulations shall be determined by a decision issued by NFSA/BOD.



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2. Perform official controls on food handling operations in accordance with the provisions of food safety related laws and decrees as well as with specific guidelines and verify that mandatory requirements and technical regulations are fulfilled in all food handling operations,
3. Establish requirements and rules for issuance of certificates of compliance (COC) required for exportation of the locally produced food, monitor certificate issuance and verify compliance with the referred to requirements and rules,



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4. Grant licenses and perform inspections and official controls on food handling operations and handlers so as to verify compliance with the provisions of the relevant laws and decrees,
5. Contract with the governmental accredited laboratories that are capable of conducting the required tests effectively and efficiently and contract with private accredited laboratories in case governmental accredited laboratories are incompetent to conduct specific tests,





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6. Perform official controls on imported or locally produced food, prevent food handling in case of unfitness of food for human consumption and prevent fraud and deception,
7. Establish the procedures and measures required for confronting emergencies where locally produced or imported food is exposed to a hazard or poses a risk and develop crisis management procedures as well as alert, recall and withdrawal systems,





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8. Establish the procedures required for risk analysis, risk assessment, risk management and risk communication, inter alia, identification of inspection priorities, taking into account techniques of risk analysis, risk assessment and risk management applied by relevant international organizations,
9. Develop mandatory systems ensuring food safety and a traceability system to be applied to food producers, manufacturers and other relevant food handlers in particular Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and take the procedures required for product withdrawal and such systems shall be determined by a decision issued by BOD,





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10. Make proposals and express opinions in respect of draft laws on food safety and handling regulation as well as executive decrees related thereto,
11. Develop the plans required for determining unlicensed food production units, propose appropriate solutions to tackle this phenomenon and exert the utmost efforts to ensure regularization of status,
12. Raise community awareness of food safety, publish leaflets and printed materials on NFSA's objectives, including making the necessary food safety information and data available and coordinate with different media,
13. Develop systems and lay down rules for food advertising and mandatory labelling,





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14. Cooperate and coordinate with the international and national bodies and organizations concerned with food safety and human health as well as with bodies and organizations that are responsible for the issuance of relevant standards so as to attain NFSA's objectives and participate in and organize national and international conferences, when necessary,
15. Regulate acceptance or rejection cases in respect of FSDU, GMFs or foods containing components that are genetically modified or irradiated so long as such cases are pertaining to food safety and regulate the use of food additives, processing aid and other food ingredients affecting food safety in accordance with the prevailing laws, the standards and guidelines set by CAC and the standards adopted by international organizations and
16. Conduct studies and researches on food safety and collect all relevant scientific and technical data.





(Chapter III)

NFSA Chairman powers

Article (14)

COB may in particular take decisions and measures on food or food premises, including decisions on destruction of food, suspension of licenses, closure of food premises and re-exportation of any imported food in case such food is found to be harmful to human health or unfit for human consumption. NFSA may execute such decisions at the expense of parties concerned, when necessary.

In all cases, parties concerned shall be notified of such decisions and a non-complying party shall incur the expenses of publication of such decisions.



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Executive Regulation No. 412 of the Year 2019





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NFSA's
Obligations

Risk Analysis

Article (4)

NFSA shall establish the procedures required for the implementation of risk analysis system in order to provide a high level of protection for consumer health and safety.

NFSA shall make a science-based risk assessment, where scientific evidence exists in an independent, impartial and transparent manner. The results of a risk assessment shall be taken into consideration in risk management and the results of the studies made by competent international organizations and bodies may be taken into account. Consumption patterns, consumer behavior in Egypt and other legitimate requirements related to the subject under consideration shall also be taken into account provided that protection of consumer health and safety is ensured.



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(Chapter IV)

Food Export and Import Control

Article (15)

NFSA shall solely control and conduct visual inspection and documentation checks on the imported and exported food and shall take food samples in order to be examined and analyzed in accredited laboratories. The Egyptian Customs Authority shall approve the decisions taken by NFSA in respect of food safety. The results of examination issued by any other authority, in accordance with the definition of food set forth in the law, may not be accepted. The Egyptian Customs Authority shall release all imported or exported food products from customs so long as NFSA takes a decision indicating the fulfillment of examination requirements and compliance of imported consignments.

FBOs responsible for the importation or exportation of food shipments or the authorized representatives thereof shall pay the costs incurred by NFSA for performing the operations referred to in the present executive regulations.



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Technical Regulations





NFSA Law and its Executive Regulation

- ❖ The National Food Safety Law no. (1) of the Year 2017.
- ❖ Decree of the Prime Minister No. (412) of the Year 2019 on issuing the Executive regulation of NFSA Law.





Technical Regulations

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors No. (6) of the Year 2021 on the technical rules governing the maximum residue limits for **pesticides** in and on food products of plant and animal origin.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors No. (5) of the Year 2022 on NFSA Decision no. 5/2020 on **Chemical Contaminants**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors No. (4) of the Year 2020 on **Food Additives**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors No. (1) of the Year 2021 on **Microbiological Criteria for Foodstuffs**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors No. (13) of the Year 2020 on the issuance of the rules governing the **maximum residues limits for residues of veterinary drugs in foods**.



Modernizing the import control system

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (6) of the Year 2020 on **Rules Governing Food Import Licensing**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (7) of the Year 2020 on **Risk-Based Food Import Control System**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (11) of the Year 2020 on **prerequisite programs**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (9) of the Year 2021 on **temporary release**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (10) of the Year 2021 on **recognizing the official control performance of the exporting foreign countries**.





Technical Regulations

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (1) of the Year 2018 on the **Rules Governing the registration and handling of foods for special dietary uses.**
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (1) of the Year 2018 on **the Issuance of the rules governing Food-Grade Salt and Handling thereof.**
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (2) of the Year 2020 on **Registration of Conformity Assessment Bodies Issuing Certificates of Conformity for Imported Food Consignments.**



Technical Regulations

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (2) of the Year 2019 on **Inspection and Audit of Conformity Assessment Bodies Issuing Certificates for Exported Food Consignments.**
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (5) of the Year 2019 on **Registration of Food Safety Management Systems Certification Bodies.**
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (1) of the Year 2020 on Issuance of Technical Regulations Governing Issuance of **Health Certificates for Food Exports.**





Technical Regulations

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (4) of the Year 2022 on **Storage food establishments**.
- ❖ The Executive regulation of the **Organic Agriculture** of the law no. 12/2020.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (1) of the Year 2022 on Rules and Procedures of **Exporting Fish and Fishery Products** to the European Union technical Regulation.





Technical Regulations

- Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (4) of the Year 2022 on **Traceability**.
- Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (4) of the Year 2022 on Rules and procedures of **Peanuts** Exports to the European Union Regulation.
- Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (4) of the Year 2023 on **Trans Fatty Acids**.



Technical Regulations

- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (12) of the Year 2020 on the issuance of Food Handling license to **hotel establishments**.
- ❖ Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Food Safety Authority No. (17) of the Year 2022 on **Food Contact Materials**.





Future plans

- **Review the following technical regulations:**
 - Technical rules on Microbiological Criteria for Foodstuffs
 - Technical rules governing the maximum residue limits for pesticides in and on food products of plant and animal origin.

Thank You

