

**IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM OF
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR EXPORT AND IMPORT
CONTROL OF EGYPT
AND
AQSIQ
REGARDING
THE PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF THE CHINESE
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS EXPORTING TO EGYPT**

On Feb 24, 2009, Mr. Rashid Mohamed Rashid, Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt and his delegation visited the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of P.R.C (Hereinafter referred as AQSIQ) and met with Wang Yong, Minister of AQSIQ. The two ministers signed THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) REGARDING THE PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION (HEREINAFTER REFERRED AS PSI) FOR THE CHINESE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS EXPORTING TO EGYPT.

Then on Feb 25, 2009, the Department of Supervision on Inspection of AQSIQ discussed with delegation of the General organization for Import and Export control of Egypt, on technical issues for implementing THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF EGYPT AND AQSIQ REGARDING THE PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF THE CHINESE PRODUCTS EXPORTING TO EGYPT. The meeting has been concluded as follows:

1) The date to implement the pre-shipment inspection by each party

The pre-shipment inspection on Chinese products exporting to Egypt will start on May 1, 2009 at local Entry-exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureaus (hereinafter referred as CIQ). The local inspection and quarantine agents will accept applications for pre-shipment inspection of industrial products exporting to Egypt since May 1, 2009 (as per the Bill of Lading).

We suggest the General organization for Import and Export control of Egypt and its subsidiary bodies to check the pre-shipment inspection Certificates issued by local CIQ for the industrial products from Chinese exporters from Jul 1, 2009

The two-month duration from May 1 to Jul 1 is reserved as shipping time allowance for cargos exported before May 1, 2009.

2) The publicity of the MOU

AQSIQ will announce the MOU to Chinese exporters. The General organization for Export and Import control of Egypt announces the MOU to Egyptian importers, in order to ensure the importers are awareness of inspection policy and procedure and conduct their activities as requirements stipulated in MOU and avoid any potential impacts to their business.

The General organization for Export and Import control of Egypt reinforces the communication with Middle East traders, who have been transferring Chinese products to Egypt, to make them understand the MOU signed between China and Egypt and be cooperative in the pre-shipment inspections.

3) Principle for the application of conformity assessment standards

For Chinese industrial products exporting to Egypt, the pre-shipment inspection should be based on the Egyptian mandatory standard, if any when there is no applicable mandatory standards, the inspection should follow related international standards or Egypt national standards if both are not available, inspection should be done according requirements of LC or corresponding to Chinese national standard. As per decision of the General organization for Import and Export control of Egypt, the documents of the inspection standards, such as Egyptian Mandatory Standards, shall be provided by importers to exporters, and then the exporters to local CIQ.

4) Template of the PSI Certificates and official seals

Over 300 local CIQ branches are responsible for conducting the pre-shipment inspection and issuing the certificates. The format and template of the certificates, as well as style of the stamps on the certificates, are in uniform style for all CIQ, although the entity name may vary due to different locations.

The format and template of PSI certificates are attached as Annex 1 and the format of the seal is attached as Annex 2.

5) Issuance of the inspection certificate and electronically transmission

Chinese inspection and Quarantine agents will issue a pre-shipment inspection certificate to the exporter within the time limits set by the MOU. Then the exporter is responsible to forward the certificate to the importer who should submit it to the General organization for Import and Export control of Egypt as import declaration.

To facilitate the verification of the pre-shipment inspection certificates provided by importers, an mailbox is provided by AQSIQ for the General organization on its website. A record of each certificate issued by all local CIQ branches will be sent to this mailbox. The address of mailbox is: <http://mail.aqsiq.gov.cn>. The User name is: CIQ_ CERTIFICATE, and the Password is 12345678. Please change a new password after the first use of the mailbox and keep the password confidential.

Chinese inspection and Quarantine agents will upload a record of each certificate issued to the above mentioned mailbox in the format of annex 3, the General organization for Import and Export control of Egypt shall download the records from the above mentioned mailbox to verify the authenticity of the certificate presented by the importer to GOIEC.

- Annex :
1. Format and Components of the PSI Certificates
 2. The official seals of the Chinese Inspection and Quarantine Agents
 - 3 .the format of the record upload to the mailbox

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