



F18/19: Egypt – bag closures for cartoned meat and offal – update 1

Animal Products

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- (1) MPI has been advised as follows:
 - a) On 16 June 2019 the Egyptian Central Administration for Food Imports, a department of the general Organisation of Export and Import Controls (GOEIC), issued a second instruction confirming the prohibition of knots as a method to seal bags inside cartons of meat and offal.
 - b) This follows the appeal committee consideration of the instruction of June 10.
 - c) Bags containing bone-in meat, boneless beef, livers, kidneys or hearts must be heat sealed, or sealed using metal ring clips, plastic ring clips or plastic seal zip ties with one side tooth.
 - d) Importers have been given a ONE MONTH transition period to comply.
 - e) After this period all such product that arrives in Egypt with bags closed with knots will be rejected.
- (2) MPI and MFAT are working with GOEIC to confirm our understanding and negotiate a reasonable transition for New Zealand product, and will provide updates accordingly.
- (3) Any further industry intelligence would be appreciated.
- (4) This FYI cancels:
 - a) F17/19 Egypt: bag closures for cartoned meat and offal

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